

## 'After the Storm' on the radio

Hancock woman records song about  
aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Page 2

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### Bay-Waveland starts Nov. 7

Bay-Waveland Schools will now begin Nov. 7, not Nov. 1 as planned. To assist in the preparation of the opening of schools in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District, a Returning Student Information Line has been established in order to obtain information on students. All parents of Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District students are asked to call 228-467-6685. General district information on school district news may be received by calling the school district hotline at 228-467-6621.

### Contact us at the Echo

Call us at our voice messaging system, 228-467-5474; or directly by cell phone: Randy Ponder, 256-504-0814; Geoff Belcher, 228-332-0257; Bennie Shallbetter, 228-332-0255; John Few, 228-216-6272; or Jace Ponder, 228-332-0027. For advertising, contact Cecilia Howe at 228-332-0253 or Shea Few at 228-216-6272.

### Outdoor movies

Enjoy free outdoor movies and popcorn at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot (the grassy area). The Hope Theatre will continue today at dusk. Family movies will be shown so bring your friends, family, blankets and lawn chairs.

### Medical services

HMC Emergency Room is open for triage and see-and-release patients only. Full medical services continue at Hancock Medical Center, 24-7, off Hwy 90.

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## Sandy Claus



Christmas came early for more than 1,000 good little girls and boys Saturday during "Christmas on the Beach" at Buccaneer State Park. The event was organized by Robert Mott of the Maitland, Fla.-based Premier Construction Inc., with assistance from the Morrell Foundation, Project Kid and the Seventh Day Adventists. Children were registered for more gifts when Santa comes back at Christmas. To donate or volunteer, go to [4katrinaskids.com](http://4katrinaskids.com).

Echo staff photos by Ramdu Ponder



## Volunteers working from Main St. Baptist doing 'God's Work'

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Volunteers from across the country are gathering at the First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis. Their goal, to minister to both the physical and spiritual needs of a community dev-

astated by Hurricane Katrina.

Teams go out each day to perform the backbreaking jobs that no one else wants to do: tear out moldy sheet rock and insulation, cabinets, carpet, haul debris, or any other job

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Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter  
Standing left to right are Lauren State, Carrissa Hudson, Garrett Farmer, Ashlyn Eggerf, Hannah Laffon, Caroline Rayle, and Julie Law. Seated are Hannah Small and Adam Hedges.

## EOC, county at new offices

Constant change a  
way of life since  
Hurricane Katrina

BY JOHN FEW  
Staff Writer

It may feel a little like starting over, but Hancock County Civil Defense Director Brian Adam is just glad to finally be in one place for a while. The Hancock County EOC moved this week from the Hancock County School District's Career Development Center near Stennis Airport to Annunciation Parish Hall on Kiln-DeLisle Rd.

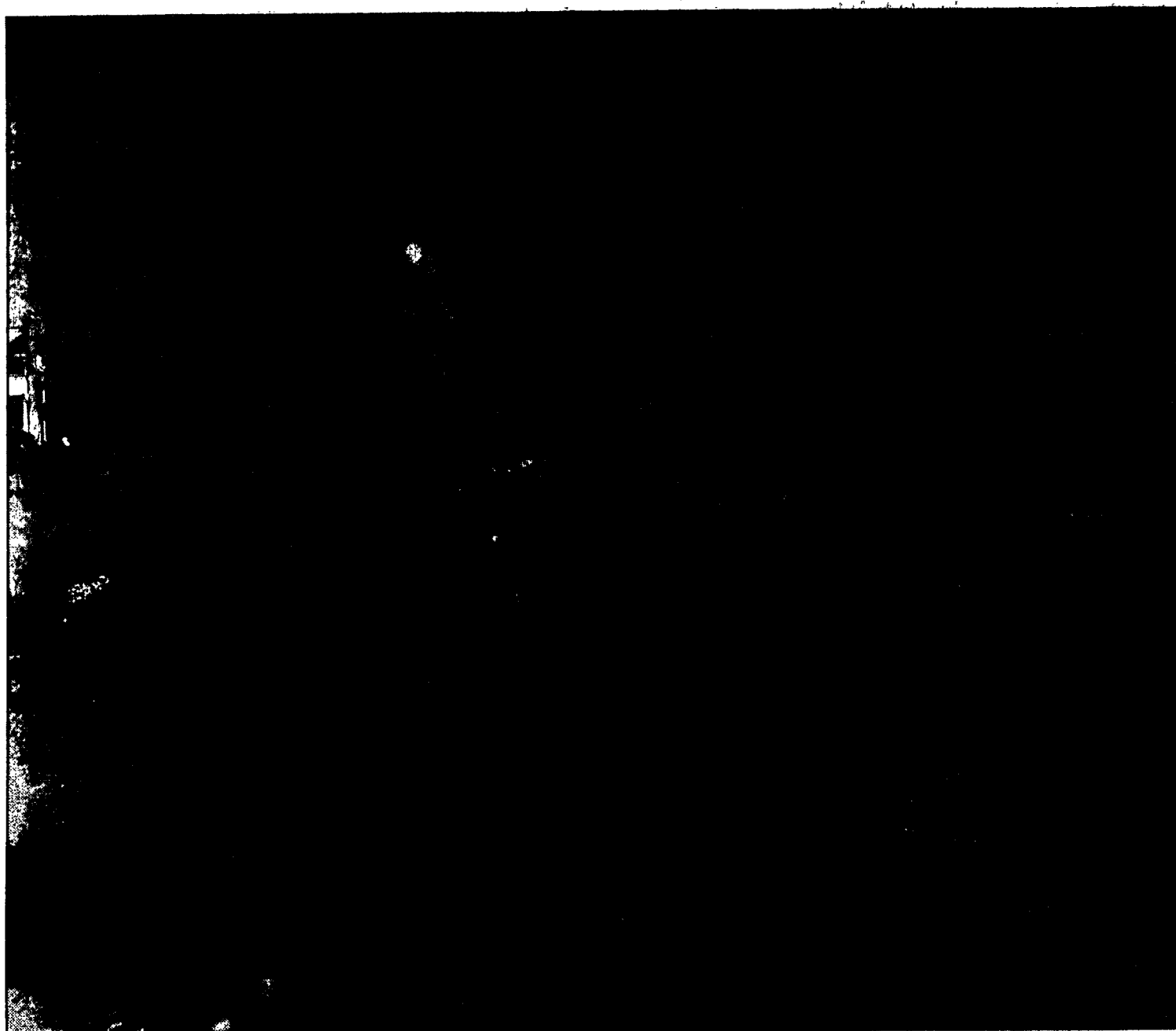
This marks the fourth time the EOC has moved since Hurricane Katrina struck. Their office next to the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis was destroyed during the storm, forcing them to relocate in the county's justice court building on Hwy 90 which was flooded by Katrina. A week after the storm, the EOC was once again relocated to the career center at Stennis Airport until this Wednesday, when it was finally moved to Annunciation Hall.

"We had to leave the career center so the school district could get back to holding classes there," said Adam. "We're very thankful to Annunciation



Brian 'Hootie' Adam

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Vanessa Benson looks at the changes Hurricane Katrina have made to the coast along Bay St. Louis. Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

## Hancock woman recording song about Hurricane Katrina

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

"Make me a reflection of you."

Let people see the light from you shining through me."

From the title song "Reflection" by Vanessa Eve Buras Benson

Vanessa Eve Buras Benson came into the world singing. And like all the members of her close knit family, music and a rich spiritual life are a big part of her world. In her earliest memories she sees herself standing on a pulpit at her father Butch's church, where he served as pastor. She is singing her favorite childhood song, "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands." Vanessa was three years old.

Three weeks before Hurricane Katrina, at age 31, she recorded her first gospel CD, "Reflection." The CD was produced by singer/songwriter Greg McCool at Denny Livingston Studio in Bristol, Virginia. McCool saw Vanessa sing at her church, First Pentecostal of Slidell, and asked to produce her music.

She had only two months to write songs for the project. Vanessa wrote three songs and her uncle Ronald Buras wrote two more. Vanessa set all five to music. The five other songs on the CD are old favorites

from her childhood days of singing on the road with her parents at churches and revivals across the south.

After the storm Vanessa was inspired to write a new song, one that will be performed by her cousin singer Sara Buras at a benefit for Katrina victims in New York City. After that she hopes a mainstream singer will be inclined to record the song.

"It's important for people to know what happened here," she says.

Her song, "After The Storm," speaks of the unexpected tragedy that Katrina brought into many lives. No one expected the intensity, she says. When it was upon us, the song says, people began to pray for survival. Then, Vanessa sings, it became important to keep your faith, until God could send a rainbow, her symbol for hope.

She also sings of an unexpected result, the great equalizing effect that the disaster has brought about. People are all having to help one another, rich or poor, we really are all in the same boat, she says, and in God's eyes we always were the same. There is also a thank you to all the people who are helping in the recovery effort.

Vanessa was born in Bogaloussa, Louisiana, the first of four children of Butch and Darlene Buras. The family trav-

eled across the south, Butch preaching the gospel and the family singing along. By seven, Vanessa was leading the song service at both her father's and others' tent revivals.

Her parents taught their children honesty, the value of being yourself, the value of humility and treating people as equals, instilled in them a friendly and outgoing attitude, and encouraged them to use their talents for God.

"Because of my mom and dad I am firmly rooted and grounded in what I believe," Vanessa said. "I was taught the importance of having a relationship with God, not for my parents or others, but for myself. They taught me their beliefs, but they also taught me why they believed the way they did."

Along with a strong spiritual life, family is the most important thing in Vanessa's life, she says. They are at the root of everything. When she met her husband Michael at age 14, it was love at first sight. She was singing, of course, at his church in Georgia. The couple married when Vanessa turned 18. They have two children Michael Elijah, 6, and Candace Michelle, 12.

Now Michael is her biggest fan.

"He encourages me when I have doubts," Vanessa says. "When I say I can't spend ten

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Hancock County has begun right-of-entry (ROE) sign-up. If you would like the Army Corp of Engineers to remove dangerous or hazardous debris or structure from your private or non-profit property you must sign up at an ROE at one of the following locations.

Removal is limited to within 125 feet of the residence.

Waveland - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Sunday at the Coleman Avenue/Central Facility. This is for Waveland residents only. The following locations are open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday:

Pearlington - Volunteer Fire Department Building  
Lakeshore - Davis Grocery Store  
Kiln - Public Library  
Bay St. Louis - Train Depot  
Diamondhead - Community Center



# Hancock Recovery Update

The Hancock County Emergency Operations Center has been running 24-hours a day since Katrina hit. We will be here to see this through.

## PROGRESS REPORT:

1.9 million cubic yards of debris hauled to date. This represents 17 percent of total debris removed from right of ways. More than 400 trucks are involved with the removal process.

3,254 travel trailers are occupied by Hancock County families; more travel trailers are occupied in Hancock County than any other county in Mississippi.

2,830 blue roofs placed as if Tuesday, representing 68 percent of the request that have been submitted.

## SCHOOL NEWS:

\* All employees of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District are to report to work on Tuesday, November 1 at 8 AM. Employees should report to their assigned campus prior to Hurricane Katrina.

Students of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District are scheduled to return to class on November 7. Arrival and dismissal times for all schools remain the same as before the storm. The times are as follows:

Bay High School:  
Start 8:00 AM Dismiss:  
3:25 PM

Bay-Waveland  
Middle: Start 8:00 AM  
Dismiss: 3:35 PM

Second Street  
Elementary: Start 7:30  
AM Dismiss: 2:30 PM

North Bay  
Elementary: Start 7:30  
AM Dismiss: 2:30 PM

Waveland  
Elementary: Start 7:30  
AM Dismiss: 2:30 PM

Bay-Waveland  
Alternative: Start 8:00  
AM Dismiss: 3:35 PM

No on-site registration is required for returning students. However, parents are urged to call the Returning Student Information Line at 228-467-6685 and provide information that will assist the district in preparing for returning students.

New bus routes will be established once school begins. Parents should call the School District Hotline daily at 228-467-6621 for transportation announcements and other information regarding the reopening of schools.

Bay St. Louis-Waveland School Board meeting every Monday at 6 p.m. at 201 Carroll Avenue, Hut 2.

Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District: Stewart, Sneed, Hewes, a division of Bancorp South, is coordinating a cookout for all employees of the district and member of the community. Hotdogs and drinks will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the front campus of Second Street Elementary in Bay St. Louis.

Bay St. Louis-Waveland School Board approved changing Bay High's schedule from a

block schedule to a 6 period day. The number of credits needed for 2006 graduation has been adjusted from 28 to 26.

Our Lady Academy and St. Stanislaus have each set Nov. 1 as a reopening date.

St. Claire Elementary has targeted Oct. 24 as a reopening date.

BAY ST. LOUIS-WAVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TENT SCHOOL is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located at the Bay St. Louis Sports Complex adjacent to the Bay High football stadium. Instructional activities, academic enrichment, story time, computers and more. The focus is

grades K-5 but all ages are welcome. Drop by the tent school for more info.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS:

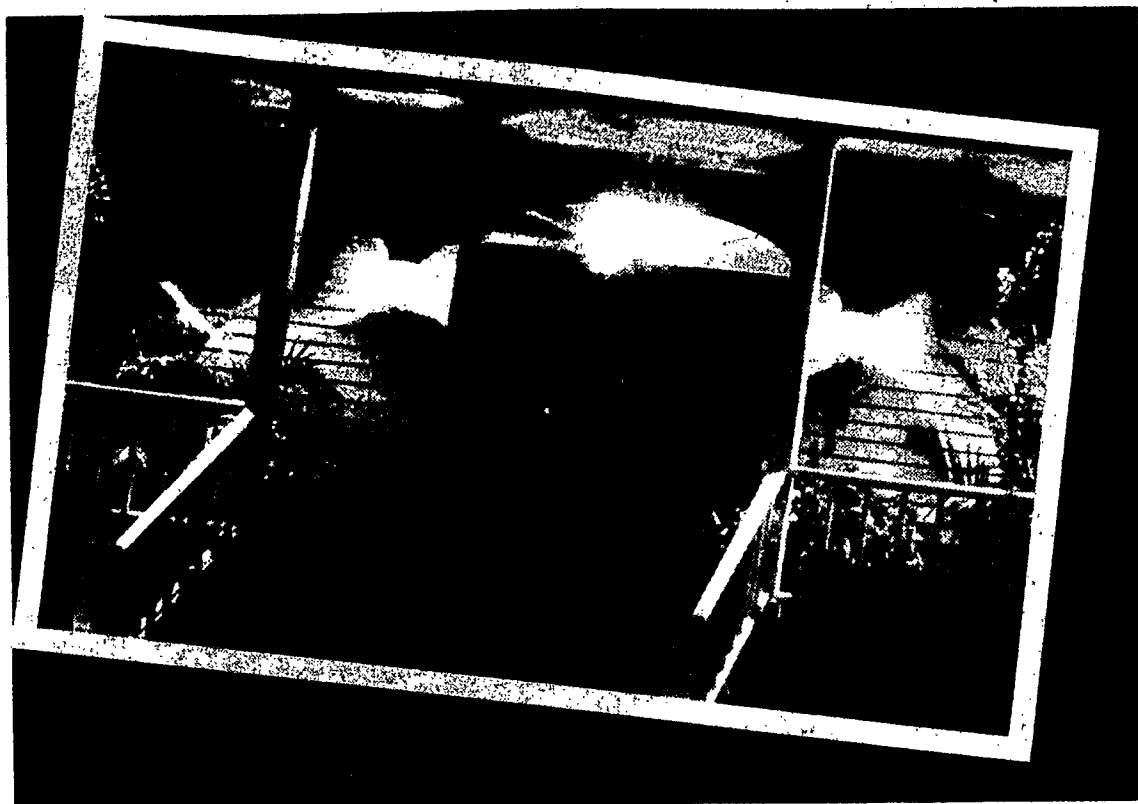
Weekly Town Hall Meetings 6 p.m. every Saturday at Bay St. Louis at the Old Train Depot for Bay St. Louis residents.

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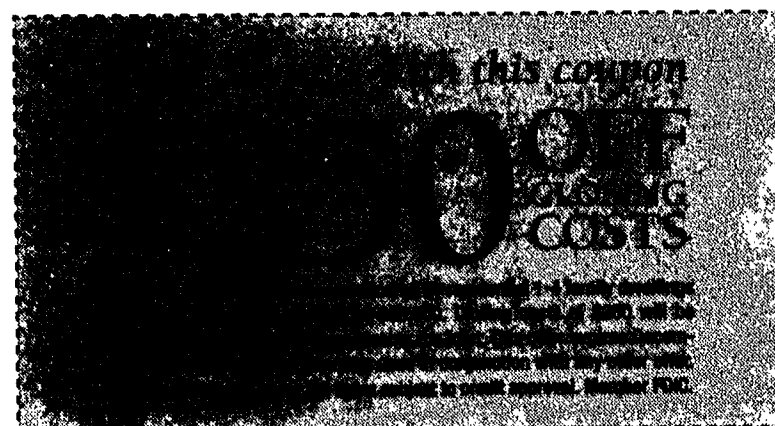
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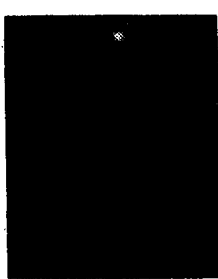
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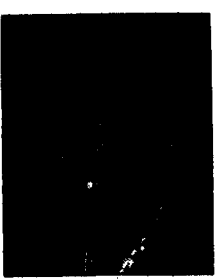
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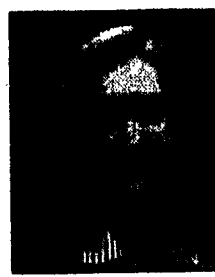
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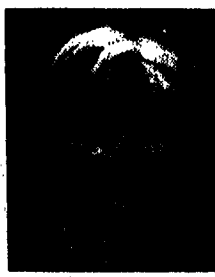
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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### Never say never again

"Never say never." How many times have we said or heard the expression.

For many years I said I would never live in a trailer, mobile or modular home.

Well, this past Tuesday I was very happy to see a trailer arrive at my residence for Jane and I to live in until repairs to our home can be completed.

It is interesting too, that our cities have ordinances banning trailers except in designated areas and now they are using modular homes, etc. to maintain operations.

Katrina for sure has reversed many "never" saying sayings.

Since the disastrous hurricane, I have heard the word "never" used hundreds of times in conversation describing incidents and things that happened that day.

By the way, I will not miss that commute from Baton Rouge. That is a long drive.

Since Katrina we have discovered many items we forgot we ever had. Many of course are no longer good.

But, as I have mentioned before, we are lucky to have the walls and roof with many shingles still standing. Several folks, many as a fact, can not even find their homes in our area.

You know one thing is for sure, our neighbors across the country have recognized our plight and are coming to help. So many groups have come to help in so many ways. Hot meals, tree removal, home repair help, medical help, law enforcement, fire fighters and the list goes on and on.

We will always be grateful for their help. Debris removal continues, and will take time to be completed as their is just so much of it.

It will take much longer than Camille to see the difference being made. Our communities are on the road to recovery, and it will be done.

It will take time, and maybe we won't be the same, but we have a great chance of being better. Until next time!

## Rebuilding Mississippi

Getting people back to work is the best way to help families recover from Hurricane Katrina. And on the coast in particular, getting workers back on the job

means getting our defense contractors back online. That's why I was pleased to make two announcements that not only will protect America but will help rebuild Mississippi. One is the Navy's decision to build their next generation of destroyers at Mississippi's Northrop Grumman Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula. The other is a defense bill full

of initiatives impacting Mississippi's military bases and contractors.

The DD(X): The DD(X) isn't just any ship. It's a stealthy, high-tech vessel that will revolutionize surface combat ships in much the same way the stealth

bomber revolutionized combat aircraft. It will set the standard for shipbuilding well into the

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new century, ensuring that America remains the world's top naval power for generations.

The Navy decided last week to move forward with the next phase of DD(X) without a costly contract rebid. Some number crunchers in Washington had suggested that the Navy deviate from its original plan and rebid the DD(X) con-

tract. But I and many others pointed out that a rebid would delay the program for more than a year, increasing long-term costs. In wartime that delay didn't sound appealing, and clearly this \$53 million contract for DD(X)'s next phase as originally scheduled indicates the Navy's agreement.

Northrop Grumman's actions after the Katrina disaster have been a great example of good corporate citizenship. The shipyard, our state's largest private employer, is working hard to get all 12,000 of its employees

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### Food tent organizers are a great, great help

A very kind thanks to all of the many volunteers at the "Waveland Cafe"; and as anyone who has eaten there knows, the cooks and servers deserve extended applause as the meals are absolutely delicious. Best fruit salad ever, Organic Valley! And, for me, the bongo drummers are pretty high up there as well.

On a separate note, the other day I developed an irritation in one of my eyes. My eye doctor is in New Orleans and I'm not even sure if his office has re-opened. So while at the "Waveland Cafe" I stopped into the medical clinic there. Turns out there was an ophthalmologist on the premises, a Dr. Art Donaldson, volunteering from California. A day later at the Hancock Medical Center, accompanied by

his extremely gently/compassionate assistant, Dr. Michael Bokoch, volunteering from Stanford, and with the aid of his sterilized Swiss Army Knife tweezers, Dr. Donaldson had removed a tiny nylon suture that was causing the irritation. Without Dr. Donaldson, Dr. Bokoch, Dr. LeBaron, as well as the medics and students staffing the clinic at the cafe, I really don't know what I would have done. And an additional thanks to Dr. Prasana Anati and Dr. Kagan.

So, speaking both as a resident of Waveland and for the Waveland/Bay St. Louis community, we cannot thank each and every volunteer enough for caring.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Harter

## Letters to the Editor

### We have a painful past to acknowledge

Dear Editor,

As one born and raised in Mississippi, I am deeply interested in its history. A part of that history too little known and too readily forgotten in our time is slavery. By chance recently I came upon two books on that subject in the same day. One, I Was Born a Slave by Yuval Taylor and published by Lawrence Hill Books, is a massive two volume anthology of major slave narratives; e.g., those of Frederick Douglass and Nat Turner. The other, Mississippi Slaves, Tell It Like It Was, is specifi-

cally about and by those from right here in our own state. I would like to recommend both to all of your readers.

The latter is a collection of brief, individual accounts based on question and answer style interviews. The "Editor's Notes" and "Introduction" explain the purpose of the volume and nature of the narratives. The purpose is said to be aiding the reader in understanding what it was like to be a slave right here in Mississippi. The nar-

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## Lott -- back to work

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back on the payroll.

I visited the shipyard just days after Katrina struck. Even with little power, no communications other than spotty satellite phones and being forced to operate out of a docked ship, the men and women of Ingalls were well on their way to reestablishing production within a couple of weeks. That's amazing when you think of the damage Katrina wrought, and it's yet another example of Mississippi's dedicated workforce.

The Defense Bill: A very significant piece of legislation bill that will get Mississippians throughout our state back to work is the defense appropriations bill, now working its way through Congress.

It, too, provides funds for programs at Northrop Grumman Ingalls, including \$1.1 billion for DD(X) engineering and another \$2 billion for

other ongoing

shipbuilding programs there. But it also contains funds for other defense contractors and bases throughout the state.

For example, it includes almost \$100 million to build the Fire Scout unmanned aerial vehicle at Northrop Grumman's new unmanned systems center in Jackson County; \$30 million to build a 300-room student dorm at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, which was heavily damaged by Katrina; almost \$50 million to construct a new generation of lightweight howitzers at BAE Systems in Hattiesburg; \$54 million to build military radios and radars at Raytheon's Forest, Mississippi, plant; more than \$4 billion for C-130 and F-22 aircraft construction impacting Meridian's Lockheed Martin facility and more than \$150 million for

defense programs being carried at ATK's facility at luka. And that's only a fraction of the work Mississippians will perform to build America's next generation of defense.

I'm proud to work the political process to support these projects. In fact, the political will to build up our defenses protects this nation. A report this week in London's Financial Times illustrates this. In it, two NATO generals - one American the other German - reveal that Western European political leaders have short-changed their militaries for so long that, unless something changes, these nations will be unable to combat terrorism or nuclear weapons proliferation, coordinate with U.S. forces, or even fulfill basic humanitarian missions. That's disconcerting, given the threats to democracy today. It's even more reason for

America to robustly invest in our defense. And I can't think of better folks to entrust with that national investment than the workers of Mississippi who stand ready to protect America and rebuild our local communities. (10/13/05)

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

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THIS INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AT 6:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005 AT THE BOARD ROOM TRAILER BUILDING #9, LOCATED AT 335 COLEMAN AVENUE (NEXT TO CIVIC CENTER, CORNER OF COLEMAN AND CENTRAL AVENUES).

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## Letters -- past

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ratives were the result of WPA journalists interviewing former slaves in 1937 and 1938. All of the interviewees were rather old and, thus, were very young when they were slaves, most children or teenagers at the Emancipation.

Thus, their realization and revelation of the harsh life of a slave is limited. Also, these are the reports of elderly

mostly illiterate blacks given to mostly educated whites in the 1930's. Admittedly, therefore, there is an "Uncle Tom" flavor to several, though not all. Plus, it is impossible to know what liberties the interviewees took, though the editor of the book affirms that he took none.

Learn more about the shameful history that got us where we are in our

country. Go check out these books. I found the first at www.zooba.com. It should also be available at most bookstores. The second is available at the Hinds County libraries, www.mississippi-slaves.com and www.amazon.com

Sincerely,  
Peter Haik,  
Jackson, MS

## Pearlington aided by sailors from USS Stennis

Legendary U.S. Senator John C. Stennis served the State of Mississippi for more than four decades. Last Sunday, a ship that bears his name offered up a different kind of service to the late senator's constituents.

About 25 sailors from the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Stennis arrived in Pearlington, a hurricane-ravaged community of 1,500 residents in Mississippi's far southwest corner. The sailors came all the way from Bremerton, Wash., where the Stennis is based, to do a desperately needed job - remove hundreds of refrigerators and freezers filled with rotting meat and other perishables.

Forty-eight days after electricity last flowed in Pearlington, the sailors were in for a sickening but rewarding job.

The Department of Defense response was coordinated by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), based on needs identified by local and state entities.

Moving a refrigerator is hard work. Carrying one out of a badly damaged house makes it even harder. Seventy-two year old Morland Cagle marveled at the work ethic displayed by the young men and women as they

struggled to remove a heavy white monolith from what was left of his kitchen.

"I really appreciate that," Cagle said. "I used to be with the Navy, four years activity duty in the early '50's...I love seeing those young sailors out here."

A few houses down, Charles Coote was just as thankful for the unexpected military help.

"There's no way to say thanks to all the people that are helping us. I don't know what folks here would do without it," he said.

Residents sealed the refrigerators shut the best they could by wrapping them with duct tape. But grappling these cumbersome opponents out of tight, damaged spaces caused a few of the fridges to suddenly fly open - unleashing sights and smells so rancid, some sailors lost their breakfast. Despite such nausea-inducing hazards, the sailors find rewards in the backbreaking, stomach-turning work.

"Everyone is so friendly and so thankful. They are bringing us drinks and they don't even own anything

anymore," said Lt. j.g. Gabriel Owens. "This is the home state of John Stennis," said Navy fireman Roman Linder. "We represent his name and

we are here to let his people know that even though he has passed, his ship is still here and helping to take care of his people."

Like everyone else arriving on the Gulf Coast, the Stennis sailors are shocked by the extent of the devastation. Like most everyone else, they were glued to televisions in the days after Katrina struck. But nothing prepared them for what the damage they are witnessing in person, seven weeks after the storm.

"It's overwhelming what you see out here," said Petty Officer 1st Class Chris Beverley, a native of Mobile, Ala. "It's surreal, it really is."

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# Obituaries

## BANE FAMILY HARRY LeBLANC JIM PFEIFFER

**BANE FAMILY**  
The Bane Family, Edgar Lee Bane, Sr., 48; Christina Olga Bane, 44; Edgar Lee Bane, Jr., 15; and Carl Anthony Bane, 13, all of Waveland, MS died August 29, 2005 in Waveland, MS.

Edgar Bane, Sr., was employed in the shipping and receiving department of Wal Mart in Waveland, MS. They were all Christians.

They are survived by family members, Laura Bane and Serena Bane of Bay St. Louis, MS; John Bane, Jr., Rose Marie Shaffer, Donald Ray Shaffer, John Earl Bane, Nancy Faye Nichols, Dorothy Prestenback, Janice Hess, Serena Malmstrom, Eric Malmstrom, Cathy, Jessie, Jebby, Rachel, Sarah, Anita, Christina & Edgar also had 4 grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, October 22, 2005 at the

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. Interment will follow in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS was in charge of the arrangements.

## HARRY LeBLANC

Harry LeBlanc, age 92, of Waveland, died on Aug. 29, 2005.

Born May 18, 1913, in Abbeville, La., Mr. LeBlanc was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church, Iron Workers Union Local #58 out of New Orleans, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a former member of the Waveland Civic Association.

Mr. LeBlanc was preceded in death by his wife, Rose Coughlin LeBlanc; two sons, Edwin G. Tucker and Claude A. Tucker Jr.; a daughter, Barbara T. Phillips; sister Louise Brignac; and three broth-

ers, Robert LeBlanc, Louis LeBlanc and Teddy LeBlanc.

Survivors include his daughter-in-law Marie Tucker of Virginia Beach, Va.; grandchildren Allison Manieri of Waveland, Wibur Phillips Jr. of Waveland, George Phillips of Bogalusa, Charlie Smith of St. Rose, Michelle and Travis Tucker of Destrehan, Eddie Belvin and Phyllis Moy of Virginia Beach and Linda Canaan; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## JIM PFEIFFER

James "Jim" Leonard Pfeiffer, 84 of Bay St. Louis, MS died Monday, October 17, 2005 in Baton Rouge, LA. He was born in Green City, MO on October 6, 2005 and was a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS for the past 53 years. He was of the Methodist Faith. He was a member of the American Legion Post #139 and founding mem-

ber of Ozone Amateur Radio Club of Slidell. He was a Retired Deputy Chancery Clerk of Hancock County. He is preceded in death by his wife Carol Bunch Pfeiffer; son, Gregory Pfeiffer; parents, Oliver Clifford Pfeiffer and Mary Pfeiffer Newby.

He is survived by 3 sons, John Pfeiffer of Bay St. Louis, MS, Robert Holiday of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 daughters, Pamela Everhart of Bay St. Louis, MS, Penny Holiday of Bay St. Louis, MS; brother, Mark Pfeiffer of Macon, MO; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 from 10:00 am until service time at 12:00 noon at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. Interment will be in Mount Olive Cemetery in Green City, MO. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

## FEMA has zero tolerance for fraud, instructs victims to be cautious

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The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) instructs victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to be cautious when applying for individual and housing assistance as fraudulent contractors and scam artists are not uncommon in the wake of disasters.

FEMA also reminds individuals that claiming false disaster losses to receive federal assistance is a felony offense, carrying a fine up to \$250,000 and a maximum of 10 years in prison.

The Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force met today in New Orleans and released a report, which showed many indictments of individuals for fraud.

"We have absolutely no tolerance for fraud — not against FEMA, not against the American taxpayer, our voluntary partners and certainly not against the victims of this disaster," said Acting FEMA Director David Paulison.

"The Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force has our full support, and we want to see anyone

guilty of fraud prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

FEMA cautions victims using non-FEMA or federal government Internet sites and (800) numbers when filing for financial assistance because many individuals seek to profit illegally with scams targeted to disaster victims. Registering with FEMA should be done by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (TTY 1-800-462-7585) or by going online to [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

"During a time so many are offering their generosity to those who have suffered, finding those who would attempt to take advantage of that generosity is shameful," said Paulison.

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# Sports

## Hawks overpowered by mighty Moss Point Tigers

BY DWAYNE BREMER

Contributing Writer

The Hancock Hawks (0-5) celebrated their senior night Friday night before their game against Moss Point (4-1). Once the game started, however, it was the Tigers who celebrated a 41-0 victory. The Tigers dominated in every aspect of the game, as they showed off their explosive offense and stingy defense.

"Moss Point has a state champion caliber team. They have a lot of speed, and they really play well," Hawks coach

Walt Esslinger said.

The Tigers struck early as Meko Brown took off on a 44-yard touchdown run on the Tigers second play. On the Tigers next drive, quarterback Kevin Barkley hit Akeem Simmons for a 45-yard touchdown pass, and the Tigers quickly led 14-0.

The Hawks put together a long drive to start the second quarter. Ronnie Thomas returned to the lineup for the Hawks, and Thomas had runs of 16 and 23-yards, and Andrew Smith had a 10-yard run. The Hawks reached the Tiger 19, but

they were unable to score.

The Tigers marched down the field on five plays to convert a 32-yard field goal by Brian Bingham just before the half.

In the second half, Bingham booted a 47-yard field goal and the Tigers tacked on two more scores for a 41-0 final score.

One bright spot for the Hawks was a block field goal by Kevin Lafontaine in the third quarter.

The Hawks only managed 119 yards of rushing in the game. Thomas

collected 66 yards in his return. "We are glad to have Ronnie back, he gives up some speed and experience," Esslinger said. Andrew Smith picked up 58 yards on the evening as well.

The Hawks defense was led by Brently Necaie who had eight tackles, and Joseph Neciae who tallied seven tackles.

The Hawks will travel to George County and Harrison Central before returning home in three weeks to play their final home game against Biloxi.

## Bay Area Youth Soccer makes some adjustments after Hurricane Katrina

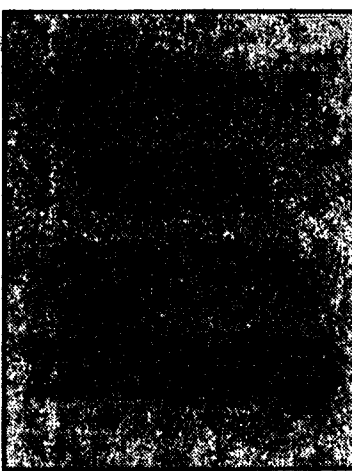
As a result of Hurricane Katrina, the Bay Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) organization is making the necessary adjustments to accommodate the 2005-2006 soccer season. As of today, it is likely that all of our fields will be utilized by FEMA and local authorities for Recovery efforts for the next 8-12 months. Our fields will be used for trailers, heavy equipment staging, and materials storage. Our concession & field-house were a total loss and we've been unable to fully assess the total extent of assets that were lost as a result of the storm (i.e. goals, nets, field liners, lights, etc.) The Board met this past weekend to discuss how we can salvage our 2005-

2006 soccer season and allow our children to continue their development and enjoyment for the game of soccer. We have been in contact with MYSA, and both SMSC and Picayune have offered to help in any way they can.

The Board must hear from you as soon as possible and no later than October 31st about your options for this season. Note: It is very important that we get an accurate and up-to-date mailing address and phone number so that we can communicate effectively. Please contact us as soon as possible online at [www.baysoccer.com](http://www.baysoccer.com) or complete a form at the Bay St. Louis City Council office located at

the Train Depot in Bay St. Louis during the week from, 8:00am to 5:00pm. We will be available at the Soccer Complex on Sunday afternoon, October 30th from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm (only 2 hours) to issue refunds and/or answer questions. Remember, we must hear from you by October 31st regarding your plans for this season so that we can evaluate and assess the possible formation of teams. Our goal will be to begin team formation in early November and order team jerseys, pants, and socks no later than mid-November. Practices would begin shortly after teams are formed but games would not begin at SMSC until early January. Thanks

again for your involvement in BAYS soccer and we plan on continuing our efforts for an even bigger and better organization in the future. If you have any questions please contact Sherri Bevis (228-255-6889) or Matt Scardino (228)342-2801 or email [BAYSBoard@BAYSsoccer.com](mailto:BAYSBoard@BAYSsoccer.com).



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# Tide hangs on for 23-20 win over Tigers

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II  
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers' shot at their first outright division football title since 1985 went down to the wire on Friday night in Picayune. The Tigers (4-1, 3-1) suffered their first loss of the season at the hands of the Maroon Tide, 23-20; however, the Tigers went down swinging.

Bay High looked uninspired and lethargic in the first half of action as they fell behind 16-6. But, a different Tiger team came out in the second half and gave the Maroon Tide more than they wanted.

Bay High head coach Brennan Compretta stated, "We were down 16-6 at halftime in Picayune and that usually spells doom here. However, our guys didn't quit and it showed a tremendous amount of character on their part to come back the way they did in the second half."

The Tigers were not able to get anything going on their first two drives of the game. The Tiger defense held Picayune in check on their initial offensive possession with Cory Thornton leading the way.

On the Tide's second possession, Picayune needed just seven plays to get on the scoreboard after starting at the Tiger 46 yardline. Tyler Lee ripped off a 21-yard gain and a first down followed by Andrew Cole's four consecutive carries. Cole, the younger brother of former Tide and current LSU Tiger tight end Mit Cole, scored from two yards out with 1:30 left in the first half.

The PAT by Erveng Gonzalez was good making the score 7-0. Robert Labat wasted no time in getting the Tigers back into the game taking the ensuing kickoff 98 yards for the score with 1:14 left in the opening quarter.

Brent Acker broke free to block the PAT leaving the score at 7-6. That was all the offense the Tigers were able to muster in the first half. Bay High was held to just 7 total yards on 14 plays in the first half.

The Tide mounted a 15-play drive that took over eight minutes off the clock on their next possession. The Tide mixed the running of Cole, Lee and Justin Berry to get the ball down to the Tiger 6 yardline. Alex Riser, the Tide quarterback, called his own number from six yards out for the score with 5:17 left in the half. Gonzalez missed wide left on the PAT to leave the score 13-6.

The Tigers struggled on their next possession and were forced to punt the ball away. The Tide got stuffed by Trevor Adam and Kyle Hughes with the latter gaining a sack on a fourth-and-six situation which turned the ball over to the Tigers.

However, the Tigers were unable to advance the ball as Chance Griffith intercepted an errant Tiger pass at the

Tide 45 yardline.

Lee bulled his way for 24 yards and a first down at the Tiger 31 yardline. Gonzalez ran onto the field for a 47-yard field goal attempt with :00 left on the clock. Shaquille Lewis partially blocked the kick that split the uprights giving the Tide a 16-6 lead at intermission.

The Tigers came out for the second half as a different team. They

roll. Brush to Shaquille Lewis worked twice for 12 yards each and two Tiger first downs. Connetti broke free around the right end for a 17-yard gain. But, the Tiger train got derailed and turned the ball over on downs at the Picayune 32 yardline.

Berry took the handoff in the backfield and fumbled the ball away to Kyle Hughes who was there to fall on the loose

lowed by Cory Thornton with 11 total tackles and a sack. Picayune was led by Justin Berry with 76 yards on 9 carries followed by Andrew Cole

with 73 yards on 20 carries and a score.

The Tigers will host Tylertown in a non-division matchup on Friday, October 28th at Joe D.

McCullough Stadium before finishing the regular season against the Pearl River Central Blue Devils on November 4th at home.

*"We are extremely fortunate to get this win. In the second half, we had real difficulty stopping their passing. I am very proud of the way we played; however, I am equally proud of the way the Tigers played after having to endure what they have had to endure."*

— Picayune Head Coach Dodd Lee

gave up a quick touchdown with 10:23 left in the third quarter. In a third-and-21 situation, Riser connected with Justin Griffith who broke free for a 58-yard scoring strike. Gonzalez nailed the PAT making the score 23-6.

But, the Tide would not see the endzone the rest of the night.

The Tigers gained a first down on their next series but were forced to punt the ball away.

Berry broke away for a 29-yard gain on the first play for the Tide; however, the Tiger defense stiffened led by Trevor Adam and Cory Thornton.

Adam had two big stops while Thornton sacked Riser for a five-yard loss and forced Riser to throw an illegal pass downfield which turned the ball over to the Tigers on fourth down. The Tigers started their drive off in the hole following a holding penalty.

Tyler Brush used some Tiger magic and worked the hook-and-ladder to perfection. He connected with Jason Sims for an 8-yard gain who then flipped the ball to Tony Connetti who sprinted 52 yards for the Tiger score. Moran converted on the PAT to make the score 23-13 with 3:24 left in the third quarter.

The Tiger defense held firm on the Tide possession led by Teddy Morris, Trevor Adam and Kyle Hughes. The Tigers took over at their own 30 yardline.

On the third play of the drive, Brush hit a streaking Jason Sims for a 64-yard score with :07 left in the third quarter. Moran nailed the PAT to make the score 23-20.

Berry gained a first down for the Tide when he ripped off a 20-yard run to the Bay High 38 yardline. However,

Thornton, Travis Leahy and Trevor Adam had other plans for the Tide. Thornton threw Cole for a three yard loss while Adam and Leahy sacked Riser for a loss of four yards. Gonzalez pinned the Tigers at their own seven yardline with a nicely placed punt.

With time ticking away, the Tigers began to

pigskin at the Picayune 31 yardline. The Tigers had new life.

Two plays into the drive, Brush tossed a 31-yard scoring strike to Labat for the apparent winning score; however, it was called back when a yellow hankie was thrown for illegal motion.

Another Bay High penalty pushed the ball back to the 41 yardline. Connetti carried for 14 yards and Bryce Morreale rushed onto the field for a 42-yard field goal attempt that fell short with 3:20 left to play.

Cole ripped off an 11-yard gain on third down to give Picayune a first down and the win.

The win by Picayune has forced a three-way tie for the Division 8-4A lead between Bay High, Long Beach and Picayune. Each team has one division game left to play.

It is unclear at this point how the tie-breaker scenario will work out.

Compretta continued, "In the second half, we played much better. Once we got in a groove, we felt that we had a real shot at it. In the first half, the penalties and miscues really hurt us. I am very proud of how we played and how our guys never quit despite being down like we were at halftime.

"It says a lot about this team and I can't be more proud of them."

Picayune head coach Dodd Lee echoed Compretta's sentiments saying, "We are extremely fortunate to get this win. In the second half, we had real difficulty stopping their passing. I am very proud of the way we played; however, I am equally proud of the way the Tigers played after having to endure what they have had to endure."

Robert Labat finished the night with 116 total yards highlighted by the 98-yard kickoff return. Jason Sims had two catches for 72 yards and score while Tony Connetti banged 89 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries.

Defensively, Trevor Adam led the Tigers with 16 total tackles, a forced fumble and a sack fol-

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## Volunteers -- the Lord's work

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that a property owner needs help doing. Hundreds have signed up for the help and the church is still taking applications.

The church itself had about two feet of water, with the office and nursery flooding to around five feet. Several church members were there firsthand to see the flood. The moved from the church, to the stage in the community center, to the up stairs all in a few

hours, to escape the flood waters. Along with them they took neighbors two German Shepherds, a cat and a canary.

After the storm passed volunteers began to arrive to clean up, some were church members and were from sister churches. As cleanup got underway and facilities improved, more volunteers came to help both at the church and in the community.

This weekend the

church is hosting about 150 volunteers. The accommodations not luxurious, but better now that five new air conditioning units were donated and installed. Volunteers sleep in the large community center on cots dormitory style. Others sleep in tents, a dedicated bunch.

The church is abuzz with activity at lunchtime on Thursday. The church serves hot meals each day. Many others were

there to do laundry in one of the four donated washers, others to pick up supplies or see the doctor, who had just set up a tent.

"We want to help and to use this chance as a ministry to to glorify God and let the community see the love that Christians have not only for God but for the community," said associate

pastor Brian Rushing. "More people seem to be open to talk about God and their relationship with him. We believe that he has given us this opportunity to go into people's homes and talk to them about Christ. At the same time we can also help with spiritual needs. It's a wholistic approach."

The church is offering

a worship service at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in the community center. In November the church will resume Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services at 6 p.m. Sunday School will also resume at 9 a.m. There is also a service at 9 a.m. each Sunday at Buccaneer Park.

## MS Arts Director to address THE ARTS today in Bay

Malcolm White, newly appointed Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission, will address members of The Arts, Hancock County at 5:00 pm today. This, the second Arts meeting since Hurricane Katrina, will be held at 134 Blaize Avenue, next to Bay City Grill in Bay St. Louis.

"We are pleased and proud to have Mr. White as our special guest," announced Gwen Impson, president of The Arts. "And we look to him for guidance and

assistance as we attempt to rebuild our arts community."

While the search for missing artists continues, the focus shifts to the search for financial assistance for arts. Handouts at Sunday's meeting will

give details on grants in specific areas, residency offers and opportunities to exhibit work.

Artists are asked to arrive early to have photos taken and fill out the necessary forms for the Adopt an Artist program.

## EOC -- moving

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Parish and Catholic Diocese for the use of the hall. We hope to be here for a while until a permanent site is located."

"It will take a few days before everything is up and running like it should," said Bill Miskell one of the Public Information Officers at the EOC. "Most of the work has already been done. We had to set up communications, electricity, sleeping quarters and offices all over again."

Miskell added that work has progressed quickly on the new location and everything should be in place by next week.

FEMA, MEMA and other emergency services has used the county's EOC as a local base for certain operations.

In addition the county offices have been relocated to the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Drive. The temporary Board of Supervisors office phone

number is 228-216-2039

## Free Internet access

FREE INTERNET ACCESS is available at several locations:

- Davis Store in front of Bayside Park, telephone also available;
- New Waveland Café, telephone also available;
- Christian Life Kitchen in front of K-Mart;

• World of Faith Christian Fellowship at Old Spanish Trail and Henderson, telephone also available

- Calvary Kitchen at St. Francis and Bookter
- Medical Clinic in the Depot District

- Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library
- The Kiln Public Library

Each site has public terminals or bring your own lap top.

## Boil water alert ends in part of Waveland

BOIL WATER ALERT lifted for City of Waveland water customers in the areas NORTH of the railroad tracks and those located in the Idlewood and Shoreline Park Subdivisions. Again, this is only for those customers NORTH of the railroad tracks, and Idlewood and Shoreline Park subdivisions.

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The Hancock County Library System is open for business in Bay St. Louis and Kiln.

## Bay, Kiln branches of Hancock Library open for business now

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

The Bay St. Louis and Kiln branches of the Hancock County Library System is open with limited, but essential services.

They are offering free internet access, free phone service, free copies and a fax service. A credit card or a debit card can be used for long distance fax service. No fees will be charged.

Director Prima Plauche said the Bay branch is also offering limited book lending and be able to issue library

cards. The hours for the Bay branch are 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. For information call 321-837-6441.

The Kiln branch of the library is offering full services and will be open seven days a week: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Kiln Branch is also host to the volunteer service registration. People may register to help, or to request help, by coming to the library or by calling 321-837-

6441.

The Waveland and Pearlinton branches of the library are heavily damaged, with assessment still in process. Many records were lost from those branches. Overall, several hundred thousand dollars worth of damage to books and

materials occurred, Plauche said.

If you had a library book that was lost or damaged you will be exempt from all fines and fees. If you have a book to return to the library you may bring it to the outside collection bin at Bay St. Louis or Kiln.

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## Story time resumes at Hancock libraries

Children three to five years of age are urged to attend the first preschool story hours of the season on Wednesday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library and Thursday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiln Public Library. Programs and activities include storytelling and crafts, and last, approximately one half hour, depending upon activity.

My Summer Adventure is the theme for the program at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. Susan Daigre, program coordi-

nator, will read books to the children. Children will make a craft and receive goodies.

Halloween is the theme for the program. Ten Timid Ghosts, Halloween Hats and Halloween Day are the books to be read during the program. Children will make a Halloween/fall wreath and receive treats.

More information is available by calling Adrienne Bradley at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282 or Sandra Ladner at the Kiln Public Library at (321) 837-6443.

## Hancock Chamber at work

Area businesses contact the Hancock Chamber to register your business needs.

All area business owners are requested to contact the Hancock Chamber to register your status and business needs. Specifically, the Chamber is requesting a list of goods and services needed by area businesses. This information will be distributed to other businesses throughout the Country who wish to help by donating needed goods and services. Please stop by the new

temporary Chamber Office or contact the Chamber by phone to complete a survey. The Chamber also wants to know when you are open for business so this information can be promoted throughout the community. Staff is currently operating at Coast Electric Power Association Conference Center, US Highway 90 and Main Street in Bay St. Louis, MS. Telephone: 228-467-9033. Fax: 228-467-6033, tish@hancockchamber.org.

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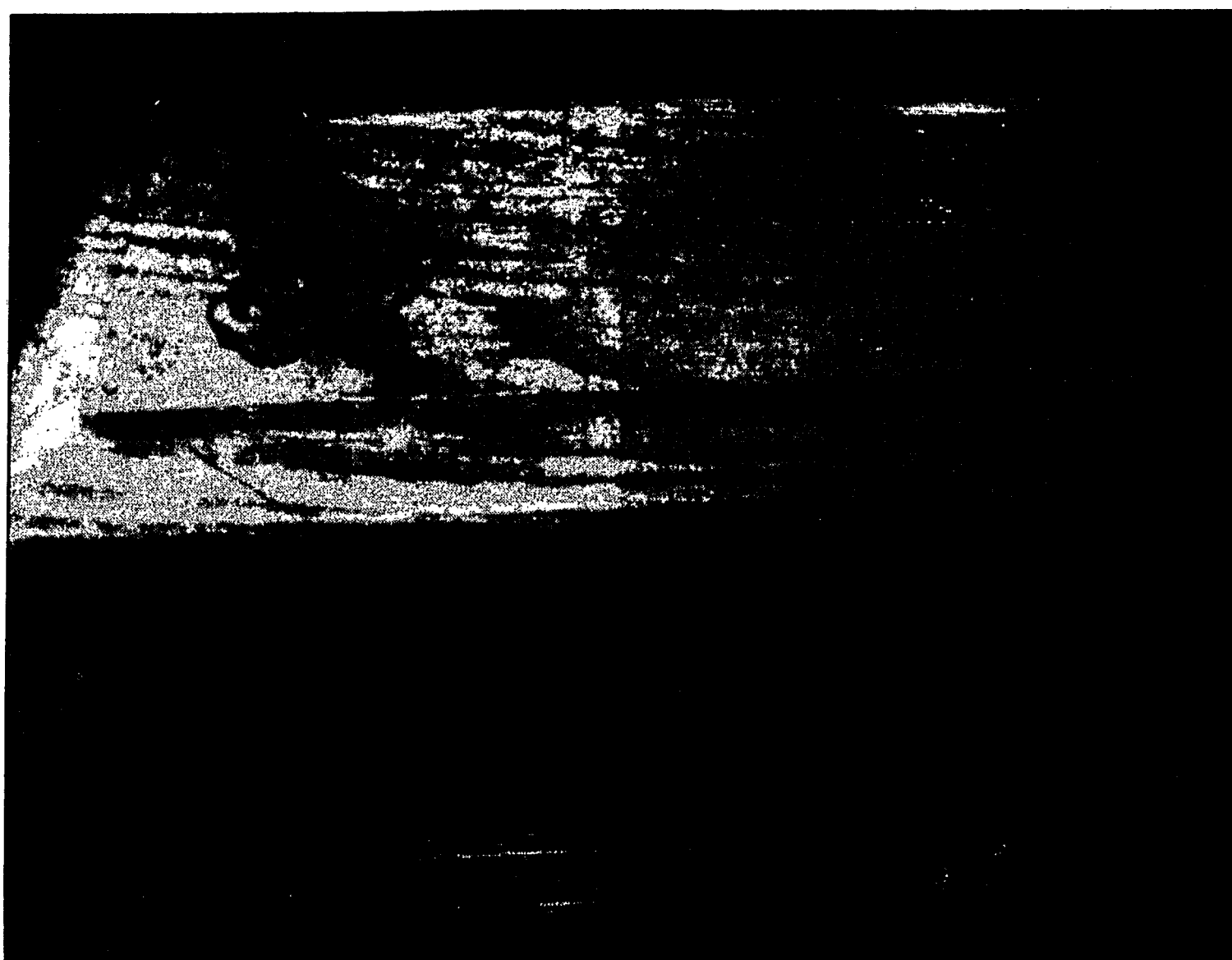
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# Recovered



This burial urn, apparently containing the remains of Frank T. Harris, born 1940, died 2001, was washed into a yard north of the railroad tracks in Waveland following Hurricane Katrina. To claim the urn, contact the Sea Coast Echo at 228-467-5473, or come by our office at 229 Keller Street in Bay St. Louis. (Echo photo by publisher Randy Ponder)

## List of area legislators

### UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES

Congressman Charles W. Pickering, MS 3rd District  
229 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
Telephone: 202-225-5876  
Fax: 202-225-5797

Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, MS 2nd District  
2432 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
Telephone: 202-225-5876  
Fax: 202-225-5898

Congressman Roger Wicker, MS 1st District  
2455 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
Telephone: 202-225-4306  
Fax: 202-225-3549

Congressman Gene Taylor has set up a temporary office at the Old Train Depot in Bay St. Louis. He is working with FEMA to help residents overcome hurdles

with the agency. Some residents who registered for assistance were declined. When this is the case, property owners should appeal the decision. FEMA has approved an Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) program that may cover the difference in cost up to \$10,000 between original construction requirements and new standards.

### U.S. SENATORS

Sen. Thad Cochran  
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Telephone: 202-224-5024

Email: Cochran.senate.gov/contact.htm

Sen. Trent Lott  
487 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
Telephone: 202-224-6253

Email: SenatorLot@Lott.senate.gov

## Need Employees? Hurricane Katrina Recovery Job Fair may be able to help

### SEA COAST ECHO

The Governor's Job Fair Network of Mississippi is holding the Katrina Recovery Job Fair in Picayune on Friday, October 28, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Resurrection Life Church, 795 Memorial Blvd.

Employers who have positions to fill, can get help in filling those positions in one of the following ways:

- By contacting the WIN Job Center at (601) 798-3472 to register those jobs. The Job Center staff at the Job

Fair will then take applications for the positions.

- By visiting the Monster.com booth at the Job Fair where Monster.com staff will take information from employers about their open positions and list them on their web site at no charge to employers in the hurricane affected area. (Monster.com will also have their motor home in the parking lot with laptop computers for applicants' use.)

- By renting a booth at the Job Fair. Booth rental is \$100 and lunch is provided to

employers with booths. (This is a non profit event and proceeds go to pay the expenses of staging the event.)

The Job Fair Network expects as many as 60 employers to have booths at the Job Fair, and they are looking for employees in a broad range of positions. A list of registered employers and their positions is at [www.jobfairs.ms.gov](http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov). Employers can register for a booth online, but booths are going fast -- so register today!

Job applicants should bring copies of their

resume' (if they have one) to the Job Fair, and 'dress for success,' since they will be meeting prospective employers.

## Heart Assoc. to offer Basic Life Support courses soon

### SEA COAST ECHO

The American Heart Association will provide Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers renewal courses for healthcare professionals affected by Hurricane Katrina. Physicians, nurses, emergency medical services personnel, etc. who lost their completion cards during the storm will receive a new card after completing the training. Most Healthcare professionals must have this card before they can return to work.

This course is for certified or non-certified, licensed or non-licensed healthcare professionals.

The courses will be offered October 29, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will run continuously on a come and go schedule during this time at Memorial Hospital Education Building, Gulfport, MS and Ocean Springs Hospital Education Center, Ocean Springs, MS.

Physicians and other healthcare providers need these cards to go back work and help people in the areas most devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The Mississippi Regional ECC committee has recruited American Heart Association BLS

Instructors from across the state to volunteer their time to teach these courses, which are being offered at no cost.

For more information, or to volunteer as an Instructor, contact Karen Belly ECC Regional Manager, American Heart Association 601-583-7307.

## Peter Anderson Festival scheduled for November 5-6

The 27th Annual Peter Anderson Arts, Crafts and Food Festival, a weekend long event featuring family-oriented activities, is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. throughout the downtown area.

The festival hosted by the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce - Main Street Visitor Center is named in honor of the late Peter Anderson.

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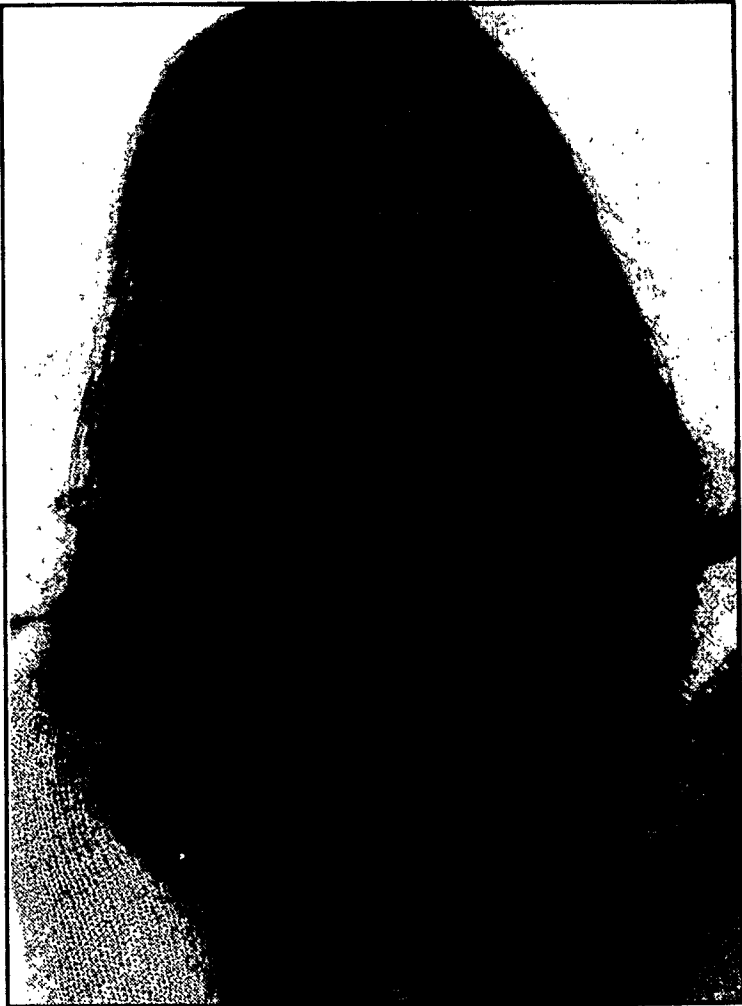
# Miss and Teen Mississippi Coast Scholarship Pageant is taking applications now for Jan. contest

## SEA COAST ECHO

Organizers of the Miss and Teen Mississippi Coast Scholarship Pageant are now taking applications for the January 7, 2006 Pageant to be held at Picayune High School Auditorium. Young women from Pearl River, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Stone, Greene & George Counties are eligible to compete. All contestants should be single women ages 13 to 24 years of age.

The winner of the Miss and Teen Mississippi Coast pageant, an official Miss America Preliminary, will advance to compete in the Miss Mississippi Pageant and the Miss Mississippi Outstanding Teen Pageant held in July at the Vicksburg Convention Center. Contestants will compete in interview, talent, evening wear, casual wear, and physical fitness competitions. Each contestant will also discuss her chosen platform, a social or community issue of concern to herself and society at large.

Miss Mississippi Coast 2006, Amber Wallin, won over 5,000 in Scholarship money last year in the Miss



Miss Mississippi Coast 2006 Amber Wallin

Mississippi Pageant. Sasha Williamson, Teen Mississippi Coast won over 2,000 in Scholarship and placed Fourth Runner Up in the Miss Mississippi Outstanding Teen Pageant. "The Miss America Organization provides young women with a vehicle to further their personal, educational and professional goals and instills each contestant a spirit of community

service," said Miss Mississippi Coast executive director Reagan Melancon-Abney. "The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship

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assistance for young women."

For information on participation in this year's Miss and Teen Mississippi Coast Pageant please contact Reagan Melancon-Abney at (228) 493-0826 or visit the website at [www.missmississippiitcoast.com](http://www.missmississippiitcoast.com).

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## Amy Haygood is promoted at Trustmark Bank

Amy Fayard Haygood has been promoted to Vice President at Trustmark in Vicksburg. With 13 years of experience in the financial industry, she is the Branch Manager of Halls Ferry. She is a native of Bay St. Louis and the daughter of Anna Bell Fayard and the late Norvin J. Fayard. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Mississippi State University. Haygood is a 2005 graduate of the Mississippi School of Banking. She is the Ambassador Chairman

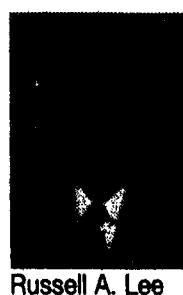
for the Vicksburg Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Vicksburg Area Marketing Professionals. Haygood has served as a Loaned Executive for the United Way, was Treasurer of the Lions Club, and was a member of the Kiwanis Club. She is a member and past President of the Business & Professional Women's Club. She is a member of the Rotary Club and the Exchange Club. She is married to Gary Haygood. They have two children and are members of Bowmar Baptist Church.



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# Governor's Commission on Recovery and Rebuilding holds first local committee meetings

## THE ECHO

The Governor's Commission on Recovery, Rebuilding and Renewal has scheduled the first round of local committee meetings. These meetings will allow local leaders and community members to voice their viewpoints and set the tone for the Gulf Coast and South Mississippi's renewal plans.

"With the enthusiasm generated by this week's Mississippi Renewal Forum, we are ready to outline concrete plans for rebuilding the Gulf Coast and South Mississippi," Gov. Haley Barbour said. "Now is the best time to build on the momentum of the forum by going into the impacted communities to make this a truly collaborative process."

• Hancock County — Thursday, Oct. 27, 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m., Main Street Methodist Church, corner of Main Street and Second Street, Bay St. Louis

## EMERGENCY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES, PROVIDERS AND EMPLOYERS

The Office for Children and Youth, Mississippi Department of Human Services, has made 60-day emergency child care assistance available to families displaced from their job and/or home by Hurricane Katrina.

Application sites are co-located with the WIN Job Centers in Picayune, Waveland, Biloxi, Gulfport, Ocean Springs and Pascagoula.

The Mississippi Forum on Children and Families is operating these sites and a

Child Assistance Center located in Gulfport at Crossroads Shopping Center, adjacent to the WIN Job Center.

The Coordinated Community Resource and Referral services provided by the Forum include, but are not limited to, these employer assistance services:

- Emergency Child Care Assistance for displaced individuals attempting to obtain and/or retain employment. Employers may obtain applications and make them available to employees and prospective employees.

- A Child Care Needs and Capacity Assessment, including the assessment of the child care needed by employers to meet the needs of current and future employees.

Employers that participate will receive a confidential profile of the child care needs of their employees.

- Other Child Care capacity building activities including provider recruitment and training to increase the supply of child care available to support employment.

Assistance is available to employers with a need for specific child care services.



Gov. Haley Barbour

For additional information, employers can call the Center (601-566-6457mobile); stop by between 8 a.m. and 6

p.m. Monday through Saturday, or visit the developing website, [www.mschildcareconnection.com](http://www.mschildcareconnection.com).

## OVERVIEW OF UNIQUE MISSISSIPPI CONTRACTORS/SALES TAX ISSUES

Mississippi imposes a unique, and often complicated, 3.5 percent tax on the total payments received by a prime contractor from all non-residential construction contracts in excess of \$10,000. Prime contrac-

tors must register their contracts with the State Tax Commission and either pre-pay the taxes or post a bond to guarantee their payment upon eventual receipt. The state will then issue the contractor a material purchase certificate (MPC), which will permit the contractor to purchase component materials free from the 7 percent sales tax that would otherwise be collected.

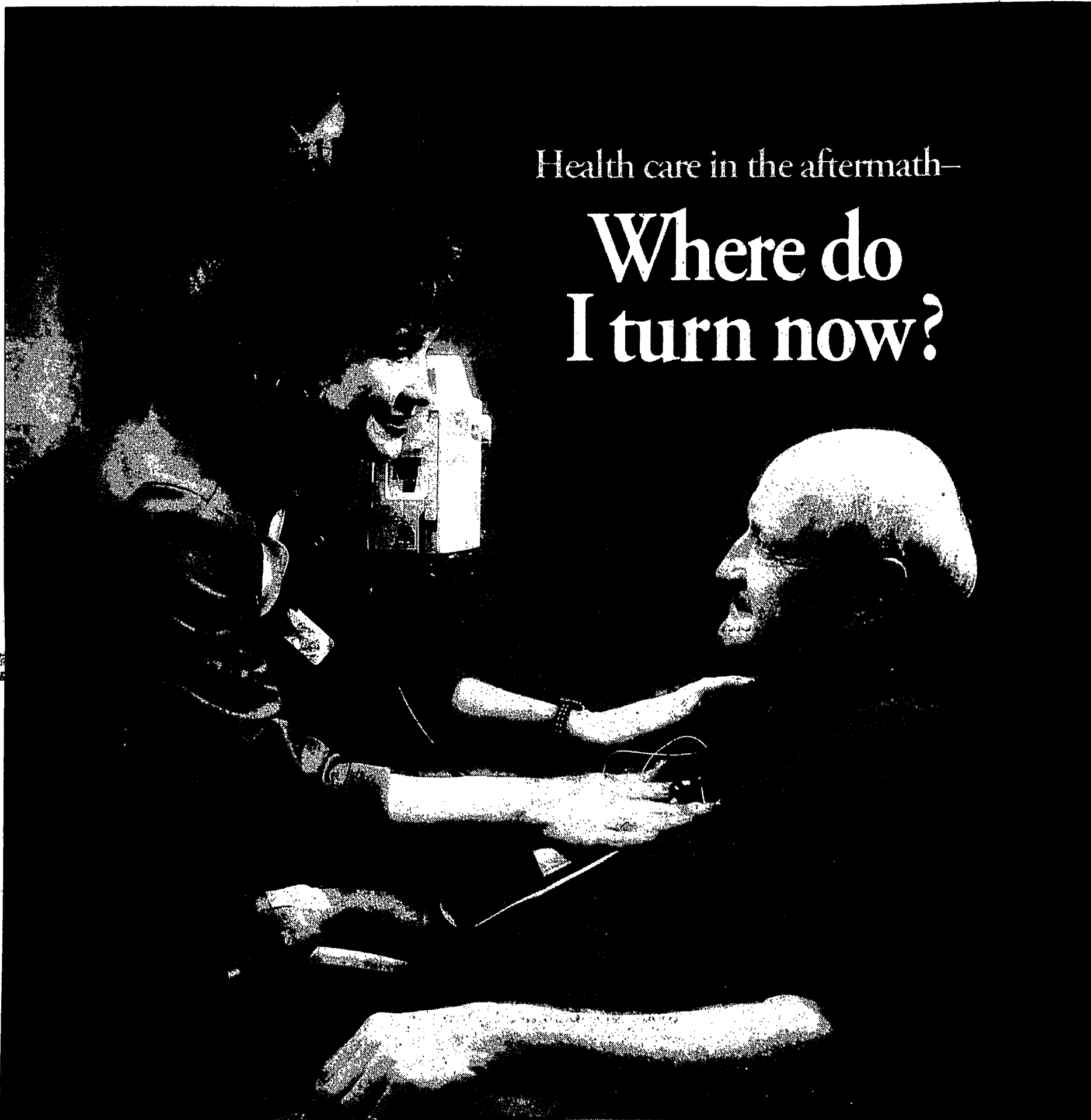
While the contractor's tax is imposed directly on the prime contractor, subcontractors can be

held liable for their share of the tax in instances where the job was not properly qualified.

The State Tax Commission is authorized to issue jeopardy assessments against contractors who have not complied with the qualification requirements and can even obtain an injunction against further activity until compliance has been secured.

On residential construction jobs and commercial jobs under \$10,000, the contractor is not subject to the 3.5 per-

cent contractor's tax, but instead pays the ordinary 7 percent sales tax rate on the materials used in the construction. While this sometimes (but certainly not always) excludes labor charges from the sales tax base, numerous types of construction-related services are explicitly subject to the 7 percent sales tax, and several special rates and exemptions apply to particular types of work. Additional guidance may be obtained directly from the Mississippi State Tax Commission.



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— Where do I go for an emergency?

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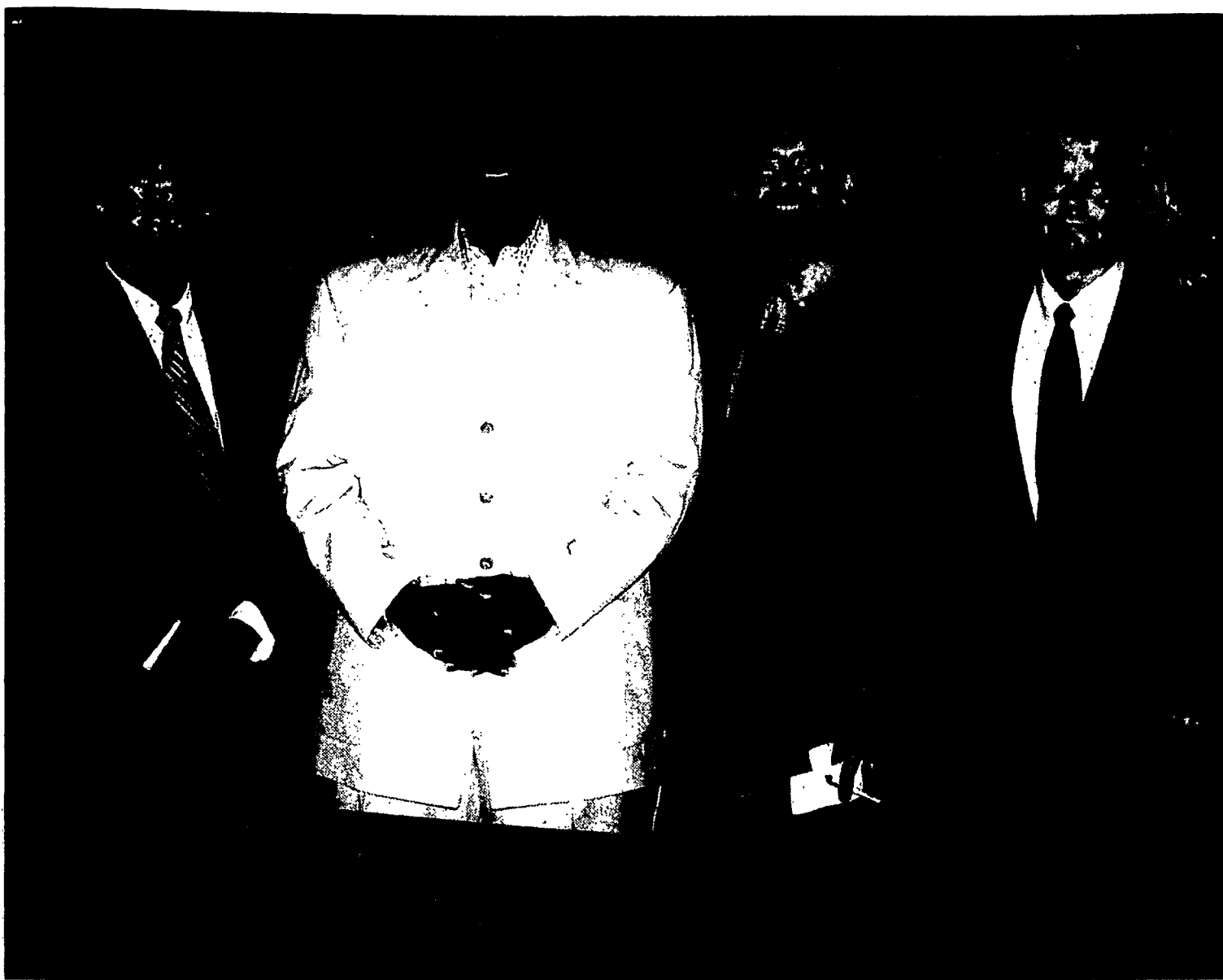
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# Power House



The Rev. Jeffrey Reed, second from left, pastor of the Power House of Deliverance Ministries based in Bay St. Louis, opened a recent session of the Mississippi House of Representatives with prayer. He is pictured with, left to right, House Speaker Pro Tempore J.P. Compretta of Bay St. Louis, Rep. Dirk Dedeaux of Perkinston and House Speaker Billy McCoy of Rienzi. (House of Representatives photo)

## Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 3253 helping with area disaster recovery

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bay St. Louis Post 3253, at 208 Third Street is now opened. Contact Gene Schloegel (228) 342-5868

### Post Lounge: (Aid to Others)

With VFW approval the American Legion Bay St. Louis Post 139 is currently operating the Lounge for the benefit of all the Veteran Organizations of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

**Post Club House**  
Hours are 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. every day of the week

The Lounge is opened to all military personnel, local volunteer community service groups, and members of the Veterans Organizations of this area. Members of these organizations are allowed guest.

Organization Meetings: (Aid to Others)

All Veteran Organizations of Bay St. Louis and Waveland are invited to hold their meeting in the main hall or the Post Auxiliary Room free of charged.

1st Thursday of Each Month, American Legion Post 139 and Auxiliary Executive meeting 7 p.m.

2nd Thursday of Each Month American Legion Post 139 and Auxiliary General Meeting 7 p.m.

3rd Thursday of Each Month VFW Post 3253 and Auxiliary General Meeting 6 p.m.

Contact the Post Q.M./Adj. Gene Schloegel at 228 342-5868 for details.

### VFW Post 3253 sponsored programs:

#### Youth Program:

A free school tutoring program is in operation from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday in the VFW Post 3253 main hall.

The tutoring secular

program is a Scientology Volunteer Minister service, and is opened to all children of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District Contact Ms. Cheesebofo at (604) 463-9884 for more information.

### Help Wanted:

Three Security Guards are needed: Contact VFW State Q.M./Adj. Johnny Richard 601-209-3678

### Aid to Others:

Post request that all donation of supplies, food and clothing be made to City Team Ministries Mississippi Distribution Centers McDonald baseball Field, 400 block of Ulman @ Dunbar, Bay St. Louis 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon - Sun. They plan to be therefor up to twelve months helping both Bay St. Louis and Waveland rebuild.

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## Disaster Recovery Centers to be closed on Sundays

State and federal officials have announced that Disaster Recovery Centers throughout the state of Mississippi will be closed Sundays, starting Oct. 23. Hours for Monday through Saturday will remain 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The schedule will remain in effect until further notice.

People affected by Hurricane Katrina are urged to register for assistance before visiting a Disaster Recovery Center by calling 1-800-

621-FEMA (3362) or by going online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). The TTY number is 1-800-462-7585 for those who are speech or hearing-impaired.

Representatives of state, federal and voluntary agencies are on hand at Disaster Recovery Centers to answer questions and provide recovery information. Officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are available to discuss

disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses of any size.

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# Hancock County Disaster Relief and Recovery Frequently Asked Questions

## GENERAL

Does 9-1-1 work?  
Yes. Residents of Bay St. Louis should call 228-467-9221 for police and fire.

Who can I call for questions about MOLD?  
Contact the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) toll free at 1-800-438-4318

Is there a radio station or Web site with current information?

Yes. Tune to 103.5 FM WQRZ-LP to receive information updates at 8 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., and 7 pm or visit [hancockcountyeoc.blogspot.com](http://hancockcountyeoc.blogspot.com).

Are curfews in effect?  
Yes. For areas south of the railroad tracks there is an 8 pm to 6 am curfew. For areas north of the railroad tracks there is an 11 pm to 5 am curfew. Bay St. Louis has a city-wide curfew from 9 pm to 5 am.

How can I get information on people who died as a result of Hurricane Katrina?

Call the Bay St. Louis funeral home at 228-467-9031.

What do I do if I find a stray animal?

Call Dispatch at 228-467-5101 to place the animal in a shelter.  
**FEMA/TEMPORARY HOUSING/TRAILERS**

How are temporary travel trailers being provided?

The temporary travel trailers are being provided by FEMA on a priority basis, and each applicant is assessed. The first priority is providing trailers to those who have no shelter or are living in a group shelter. Other requests are evaluated on needs such as family or health issues and when the application was received.

Do I need to pay for a power pole to support my travel trailer?

No, the power pole is provided, and you do not need to purchase or provide one yourself. If you pay a private contractor to install a pole you will not be reimbursed for those costs. You should, however, contact your power company.

How do I contact FEMA to apply for temporary housing or register for disaster assistance?

Call to register for FEMA Disaster Assistance at (800) 621-FEMA (3362), TTY at (800) 462-7585, or visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). Housing applications are also available in the FEMA tent at K-Mart. Bring this information to register: social security number, address with zip code, insurance information, directions to your damaged home and daytime telephone contact number.

If I accept emergency housing in an emergency group site, will I lose my place in line to have emergency housing placed on my property?

No, you will keep your place in line. DO NOT MOVE the mobile home. It's federal property.

How do I sign up for the Army Corps of Engineers BLUE ROOF PROGRAM?

Sign up by calling (888) ROOF-BLU (766-3258) or visit the Train Depot in Bay St. Louis or Card Room at the Diamondhead Community Center.

Where do I call for FEMA trailer maintenance problems?

Call toll free at 1-866-877-6075 for Local calls 601-352-8342 or collect at 240-379-3600.

Is debris removal on private property available?

Hancock County is taking right-of-entry (ROE) sign-ups. If you would like the Army Corp of Engineers to remove debris from your private or non-profit property you must sign an ROE at one of the following locations:

Waveland (Location 1): South of the railroad tracks on Coleman Avenue  
8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday

City of Waveland Kwonset hut (near South Beach Blvd)  
Waveland (Location 2): South of the railroad tracks on Coleman Avenue  
8 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday

Coleman Avenue (First building off Central and Coleman)  
Pearlington: Volunteer Fire Department Building  
8 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday

Lakeshore: Davis Grocery Store  
8 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday

Kiln: The Kiln Public Library  
8 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday

Bay St. Louis: Train Depot  
8 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday

Diamondhead: Diamondhead Community Center  
8 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday

POINTS OF DISTRIBUTION (PODs)/MEALS/EMERGENCY SHELTER

Where are public Points of Distribution or PODs for food, water, ice, contributed clothing and household items?

PODs are located at K-Mart, Gulfview Elementary, Fred's, Pearlinton, Save-A-Center, and the Bayou Talla Church.

Is there a general information number that I can call to get information about temporary sheltering, mass feeding, and distribution of essen-

tial supplies to disaster victims?

Yes. You may call the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center at 228-466-8227.

Are shelters still open?

Yes, Charles B. Murphy Elementary and the Bay St. Louis Senior Center shelters are still open.

Where are hot meals served?

Fred's Grocery Store K-Mart Gulfview Elementary Winn Dixie, Bay St. Louis Senior Citizen Center

UTILITIES/PHONE/INTERNET/POST OFFICE

Where can I find a wireless internet hub?

Hubs are available, at no cost, at the Kiln Library, Hancock County Tax Collector's Office (Kiln Road near Dolly's), Davis Store in front of Bayside Park, New Waveland Café, Christian Life Kitchen in front of K-Mart, World of Faith Christian Fellowship at Old Spanish Trail and Henderson, Calvary Kitchen at St. Francis and Bookter, and the Medical District in the Depot District. Most sites have public terminals or bring your own laptop.

How do I report a power outage or request a power pole?

Coast Electric customers call (800) 624-3348 and Mississippi Power customers call (800) 487-3275.

Where do I go if I need a permit to place a power pole on my property?

You can pick up a permit for Hancock County and Bay St. Louis at the old Train Depot and for Waveland at the City Hall on Coleman Avenue.

Who should I call if I need a new meter to hook to my temporary trailer?

Call your local utility company.

Where are postal services available?

Street delivery into areas that are not restricted or unsafe has resumed. In restricted areas the following offices have been setup.

Bay St. Louis - 200 Hwy 90, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Kiln - 16250 Hwy 603, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pearlington and Waveland post office box customers can receive mail at their own personal boxes at the Bay St. Louis Post Office.

Who can answer my private well questions?

Contact the Pearl River Health Department at (601) 798-5354 or 6212 or stop by the Kiln Library for a free sample bottle, and a staff person will explain how to col-

lect the sample.

How do I get a power pole placed on my property?

You must get a permit for the county or appropriate city. You must work with your utility company to get services. A deposit may be required.

Are there free phones available?

Yes, at the following locations:

Winn Dixie (Dunbar & Esplanade) Dolly's (603 Kiln Delisle Rd) Kiln Library Diamondhead Chevron K-Mart parking lot

VEHICLES AND VESSELS

Who can answer vessel salvage and planning questions and questions about fishing?

Contact the U.S. Coast Guard at (251) 441-5368 or 5354.

Who do I call about vessel removal?

Call the U.S. Coast Guard at 866-287-6935. You may have to leave a message and someone will return your call.

Where can I find a vehicle that has been towed?

Mike Perniciaro, 228-467-7005; Charles Perniciaro, 228-467-9997; Moss Towing, 228-467-5227; Darryl Lacoste Towing, 228-467-4454; All Star Towing, 228-466-4861; Mississippi Highway Patrol, 228-432-0195; and the Hancock County Equine Center.

Who can I call to have a vehicle removed?

If you have a vehicle on your property that you own, work with your insurance company. To have a vehicle removed from your property that you DO NOT own, call your local towing company.

Who can answer my vehicle tag questions?

The Tax Collector/Assessor's Office is open at 16603 Hwy 603 in Kiln. You can file for a new tag, renew a tag, or turn in an old/unusable tag that may still have credit. Applications must be made in-person. The phone number is 228-255-8746.

Where can I pay my property taxes?

Your 2004 property taxes can be paid in the Tax Collector/Assessor's office at 16603 Hwy 603 in Kiln.

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## ATTENTION

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Please contact me with any photographs, video coverage, eyewitness accounts or wind occurrence damage prior to storm surge during Hurricane Katrina



Frequently Asked Questions

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Has the Tax Sale date been determined?

Yes. The new tax sale date is Monday, October 31st at the Kiln Annunciation School. Registration starts at 8 am and the office will be open until 5 pm.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/CHILD CARE

Where can I call to receive general information about health, medical care, and social service needs?

Call 228-466-8224, 228-466-8225, or 228-466-8226 at the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center.

Does the Hancock County Public Health Department have social workers available to speak with?

Yes. Call (228) 831-5151 to speak with one for more information.

What is the contact number for Women Infants Children?

Contact WIC at (601) 566-6631.

Who provides medical oxygen refills?

LINCARE at (228) 865-9547.

LEGALS

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO STENNIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI

AIP PROJECT NO 3-28-0005-019-2005

Sealed bids subject to the conditions and provisions presented herein will be received until 1:00 pm CST, November 1, 2005, and then publicly opened and read at Stennis International Airport Terminal Building, 7250 Stennis Airport Drive, Kiln, Mississippi, 39556 for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary to:

Schedule I  
Replace High Intensity Runway Lighting System for Runway 18-36

Schedule II  
Replace Medium Intensity Taxiway Lighting System for Taxiways A, B, C, and D

Schedule III  
Replace Airport Visual Aids

Copies of the bid documents including project drawings and technical specifications are on file and may be inspected at:

Airport Development Group, Inc.; 3900 Lakeland Drive, Suite 501C; Jackson, MS 39232

Stennis International Airport Terminal Building, 7250 Stennis Airport Drive, Kiln, MS 39556

A complete set of bid documents may be obtained from the office of Airport Development Group, Inc.; 3900 Lakeland Drive, Suite 501C; Jackson, MS 39232, telephone 601-932-6920, email (MCorkern@adgairports.com).

A prebid conference for this project will be held at 1:00 pm CST, November 1, 2005 at the Stennis International Airport Terminal Building.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

Bids may be held by the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

The right is reserved, as the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received.

Award of contract is subject to the following Federal provisions:

Executive Order 11246 and DOL Regulation 41 CFR PART 80 - Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity

DOT Regulation 49 CFR PART 29 - Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace

DOT Regulation 49 CFR PART 30 - Denial of Public Works Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to US Contractors (Foreign Trade Restriction).

TITLE 49 United States Code, CHAPTER 501 - Buy American Preferences

Run: 10/16, 10/23

Is there assistance for someone who needs medical or mental health assistance but is unable to receive help due to being isolated, shut-in, elderly, or transportation issues?

Yes. For health issues call: 571-226-8175 or 571-722-0519. For mental health issues call: 228-867-5000.

Is there a central number I can call that has information current about Dentists, Doctors, and Medical Facilities?

Yes. Call the medical hotline at 228-867-5000.

Who can I contact about food stamps if I have already signed-up?

1-800-948-3050

Where can I get help with child care while I look for employment?

Information and applications are in the K-Mart parking lot on HWY 90 next to Dept. of Employment Security trailer. Receive up to 60 days of assistance.

Is Gulf Coast Home Care open?

Yes. Call 1-800-489-1307

Where have boil water orders been lifted?

Orders have been lifted for Standard Dedeaux Water, Kiln Water & Fire, Diamondhead Utilities - North, Mason Technologies, Inc., Stennis Space Center, Stennis Airport and Industrial Park, Hancock County Welcome Center, Port Blenville Industrial Park and Oak Harbor.

For details contact the Mississippi Department of Health at 1-866-458-4948 or www.HealthyMS.com.

SCHOOLS

How can I get updates for the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District?

Parents, faculty, and staff can call a hotline at 228-467-6621. School is expected to start November 1.

When will Hancock County Schools reopen?

With the exception of Gulfview Elementary and Charles B. Murphy Elementary Hancock County schools reopened October 14th. Alternative arrangements for students of Gulfview and Charles B. Murphy are being made.

LEGAL/FINANCIAL/RECORDS/COURT/INSURANCE/FRAUD

Are deeds of trust and chancery court cases being processed?

The Hancock County Chancery Court is restoring and filing Deeds of Trust and Chancery Court cases. The temporary County Finance Office is currently located at the Vo-Tech Center. This location may change. Call (228) 466-8258 before visiting.

Is the circuit court running where lawsuits, etc. can be filed?

Yes. The Circuit Court is working out of offices

at 16603 Hwy 603 in Kiln.

What is the telephone number to report price gouging, construction fraud, identity theft, and other disaster related crimes?

Call the Mississippi Attorney General's Office at (228) 865-1642 or 228-865-4185 or 228-861-4305.

Is there a number for the Justice Court?

Yes. It is 228-255-5701.

Can someone help me find bank accounts and financial records?

Yes, call Operation Hope at 1-888-388-4673, go to www.operationhope.org or e-mail hopecoalition@operationhope.org.

Where can I get legal assistance?

Legal assistance is available at 866-255-4495 and at MEMA

Disaster Recovery Center at K-Mart from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday at 9 am to noon Saturdays.

Where can I get insurance information?

The Mississippi Insurance Department call center is open 8 am to 5 pm the number is: 1-800-562-2957 or 1-800-856-1982 (outside .) You can also log onto their web site at www.doi.state.ms.us. The State Insurance Consumer Helpline number is: 1-800-562-2957.

EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEERS

Where should contractors in Hancock County go to ask about work as debris haulers or quality controllers?

Contact Hemphill/Eutaw Construction, 1000A DeLisle Road, Kiln, 228-586-9160.

How can I learn about disaster volunteer opportunities?

Contact the Volunteer Registration Center, in the Kiln Library, at (321) 837-6443.

How can I get work with Bechtel's construction effort to set up temporary housing?

Local contractors and suppliers can register in Bechtel's database or learn more about equipment needs at http://supplier.bechtel.com. Individuals seeking employment can call (800) 644-7244. Jobs may not be in Mississippi.

Where can I find work cleaning up debris?

Call the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' contractor AshBritt at 228-586-9160.

Is Bechtel hiring non-manual workers?

Individuals seeking

employment can express interest by visiting www.bechtel.com/careers/.

BUSINESS

How do I contact the Small Business Association?

The SBA is at K-Mart to help with home and business loans. Business loan applicants should get SBA forms, a FEMA case number and help from a certified public accountant.

Are there any service centers specific for businesses?

Yes. The Hancock County Business Assistance Center is working out of the Coast Electric Conference Center at the corner of US Hwy 90 and Main Street in Bay St. Louis. Center services include: Wireless service with computers to access the internet; Fax machine and copy services.

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**WANTED:** lot for building or existing home in the BSL area. Some damage ok. Call 228-216-0458

**HELP WANTED:** Kuitin Loose in Kiln, MS has positions available for stylist and nail techs. Call 255-5363.

**FOR SALE:** 1993 Holiday Rambler Travel Trailer. 34 foot, sleeps 6. \$8200. Call 228-342-2938.

**FOR SALE:** 749 Webb St. in Bay St. Louis. Stayed high and dry - did not flood! 4,700 sq ft home, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, storage room, office, laundry room, Florida room, large kitchen w/plenty of cabinets and storage, plus a bonus room. Many custom features including jacuzzi in large master bathroom. \$385,000 as is (some roof damage). Call (228)466-2645.

**FOR RENT:** 215 Main Street - Bay St. Louis, commercial. 1500 sq ft (228) 342-0012.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** ABC Rental is now hiring all positions - full time, paid vacation, 401K plan, medical plan. 1190 Highway 90 - 467-1081.

**MUST SELL:** Four steel buildings from Summer inven-

tory clearance, one is 30x30, all brand new, never erected. Will sell for balanced owed. Call 1-800-552-8504.

**ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS:** Available soon for lease. 4500 sq ft, 2 story, handicap ramp. For details call (228) 342-2121.

**GOOD DEAL:** Mint, 02 Crown Victoria LX, tan leather interior, 40K miles, \$12,995 or \$229 a month. Jimmy Stockstill Motors 601-798-1395.

**DISASTER SALE:** 01 Mits Galant, 4DR, cold A/C, \$6995. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune, 1-800-798-9133.

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**HELP WANTED:** Part-time greeting card merchandiser for stores in Diamondhead, Long Beach, Gulfport will train. Send information to: Merchandiser 320 Red Wood

Circle, Lafayette, LA 70503.

**FOR SALE OR RENT:** Dry houses in Waveland for rent or sale. Call 504-669-5711 or 504-833-9924. Days 11-20

**FOR SALE:** 45' Shrimp boat for sale, 400 hp Cummins, new nets including croaker and top-water, runs good, looks good, Corpus Christi, Texas, \$23,999. 512-789-0909

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**ABANDONED VEHICLE:** 2001 Ford Mustang 1FAFP40491F243004, 40,106 miles. Date of 08/01. Contact Steven LaCoste at Unlimited Auto of Kiln, MS, 228-216-1600. 10-20, 10-23, 10-27

**SERVICES OFFERED:** Caregiver for elderly, light housecleaning & run errands. Call Susan at 493-0817. 10-20, 10-23

**BLAIZE ELECTRIC AND HOME REPAIR.** Local business. 25 years experience. Licensed and bonded. 228-467-0609.

**2 LOST DOGS.** 1 chihuahua, male, brown, white and black. 1 beagle, brown, white, and black. Last seen Friday morning. 228-222-1485.

**LOST DOG.** Yellow lab, very

light color. Blue collar. Vicinity of 219 Corinth Dr. Friendly. Answers to Bud. Please call Eddie 228-493-1375 or Jamie 228-216-7483.

**\$1,000,000.00 OF NEW ARRIVALS DAILY.** 04 Dodge, 4dr, 1500, V-8, 15K phone calling miles, loaded. \$259 a month, Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune, 1-800-798-9133.

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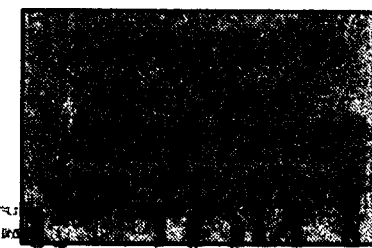
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## Churches now active in Hancock after Katrina

*Editor's note: To have your church added to this list, please call The Sea Coast Echo at 228-467-5473, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*

Main St. United Methodist Church, 162 Main St. Bay St. Louis - 10 a.m. Sunday.

First Baptist Church, Main St., 141 Main St., Bay St. Louis - 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 228-547-3114.

St. Rose, 301 South Necaize St., Bay St. Louis - 4 p.m. Saturday. 7 & 9 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 228-324-4927.

First Missionary, Sycamore St., Bay St. Louis - 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 228-547-5350.

Central Baptist Church, 1203 Hwy. 90,

Bay St. Louis - 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 228-493-4796.

First Assembly of God, 1912 Arnold St., Waveland - 11 a.m. Sunday.

Word of Faith, 103 Old Spanish Tr. Waveland - 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 228-467-4488.

Latter Day Saints, McLaurin Ave., Waveland - 9 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 228-467-5009.

Our Lady of the Gulf, Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis - 9 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 228-216-5400.

Lutheran Church of the Pines, Hwy 90, Waveland (across from McDonald's) - 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Call for

more information, 985-774-6363.

First Presbyterian Church, 114 Ulman Ave., Bay St. Louis - 11 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 757-362-8001.

Valena C. Jones AME, Sycamore St. Bay St. Louis - 11 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 228-304-0200.

Mt. Chapel, 721 Herlihy St., Waveland - 8 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 228-365-7275 or 228-424-1404.

St. Ann Catholic Church, 5858 Lower Bay Rd. - 9 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 228-365-4674.

Lakeshore Baptist Church, 6028 Lakeshore Rd. - 11 a.m. Sunday. Call for more information, 225-766-9526 or 504-460-9220.

## Unemployment benefits available

Disaster Unemployment Compensation: All self-employed individuals are eligible, if you have proof of self employment. Stop by the nearest WIN Job Center to apply.

The Hancock County Center is located in the K-mart Parking Lot. Or, stop at the Picayune Center located at 1839B Cooper Road, Picayune. Questions? 601-798-3472.

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**American Red Cross:** 1-866-438-4636.  
**Salvation Army:** 1-888-363-2769.  
**Post Office (redirect mail):** 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777).  
**Mississippi Insurance Department:** 1-800-562-2957 (If you call from outside the State: 1-866-856-1982).  
**Insurance Company Toll Free Numbers:**  
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**Acuity** 800-242-7666  
**Alfa Insurance Group** 888-964-2532  
**Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation** 866-239-AMIC (866-2239-2642)  
**Allmerica** 800-628-0250  
**Allstate** 800-54-STORM (800-547-8676)  
**Allstate Floridian Insurance Company** 800-54-STORM (800-547-8676).  
**American Bankers Insurance Company** 800-245-1505  
**American Federation Insurance Company** 800-527-3907  
**American General Property Insurance Company of Florida** 800-321-2452  
**American International Group** 800-433-8880 (auto & home)  
**American National Property & Casualty Company & Affiliates** 800-333-2861  
**American Reliable Insurance Company** 800-245-1505  
**American Skyline Insurance Company** 888-298-5224  
**American States Insurance Company** 888-557-5010  
**American Strategic Insurance** 866-ASI-LOSS (274-5677)  
**American Superior Insurance** 954-577-2202  
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**Armed Forces Insurance Exchange** 800-828-7736  
**Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company** 800-945-7461  
**Atlantic Preferred Insurance Company** 800-673-4952  
**Auto Owners Insurance Group (Palm City)** 800-783-1269  
**Auto Owners Insurance Group (Ft. Meyers)** 800-437-2256  
**AXA Re Property and Casualty** 800-216-3711  
**Balboa Insurance Group** - 1-888-768-2096  
**Bankers Insurance Company** 800-765-9700  
**Bankers Security Insurance Company** 800-765-9700  
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**Capital Preferred** 800-734-4749 or 888-388-2742  
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**Century Surety Insurance Company** 800-850-0422  
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**Group** 800-252-4670 (800-CLAIMS-O)  
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**Clarendon National Insurance Company** 800-216-3711  
**Clarendon Select Insurance Company** 800-509-1592  
**CNA** 877-733-4250  
**Colony Insurance Company** 800-577-6614 ext. 1715  
**Companion Property & Casualty** 800-649-2948  
**Cotton States Mutual Group** 800-282-6536  
**CUNA Mutual** 800-637-2676  
**Cypress** 888-352-9773  
**EMC Insurance Companies** 800-910-4988  
**Encompass Insurance Company** 800-588-7400  
**Erie Insurance Group** 800-367-3743  
**Farmers** 800-435-7764  
**FCCI (first report of injury)** 800-226-3224  
**Federated National Insurance Company** 800-420-7075  
**Fidelity & Casualty Insurance Company** 800-725-9472  
**Fidelity National Insurance Company** 800-220-1351  
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**First American Insurance Company** 800-347-3428 (888-FIRE-HAT)  
**First Floridian** 800-252-4633 (800-CLAIM33)  
**First Premium Insurance Group (Lloyd's Mobile Home)** 800-432-3072  
**First Protective Insurance Company** 877-744-5224  
**First Trenton** 800-468-7341  
**Florida Family Insurance Company** 888-486-4663 or 888-850-4663  
**Florida Farm Bureau Insurance Companies** 800-330-3327  
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**FM Global** 877-639-5677 (877-NEWLOSS)  
**Foremost Insurance Company** 800-527-3907  
**GE Employers Re** 866-413-8978  
**GEICO** 800-841-3000  
**General Star Indemnity Company** 800-624-5237  
**General Star National Insurance Company** 800-624-5237  
**Georgia Casualty & Surety** 800-279-8279 (claim reporting); 866-458-7506 (claim dept.)  
**Georgia Farm Bureau** 866-842-32276  
**GMAC Insurance (Auto Claims)** 800-468-3466  
**Granada Insurance Company** 800-392-9966  
**Guide One** 888-748-4326  
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**3711 The Hartford - 800-243-5860**  
**Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest** 800-637-5410 or 800-243-5860  
**Hartford Steam 800-HSB-LOSS**  
**Holyoke Mutual - 800-225-2533**  
**ICAT** 866-789-4228  
**Industrial Risk Insurers - 860-520-7347 (Business claims)**  
**Interstate Fire & Casualty** 800-456-8458, Ext. 770  
**Liberty Mutual - 800-2CLAIMS (800-225-2467)**  
**Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company** 800-637-0757 (in state); 800-633-1833 (24 hour)  
**Louisiana Farm Bureau** 866-275-7322  
**Main Street America Group** 877-282-3844  
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**MetLife Auto & Home** 800-854-6011  
**Mississippi Farm Bureau** 866-275-7322  
**Mississippi Rural Risk Underwriting Association - (601)-981-2915**  
**Mississippi Windstorm Underwriters Association - 601-981-2915**  
**National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)** - 1-800-427-4661  
**National Insurance Company** 800-239-2121

**Nationwide** 800-421-3535  
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**Ohio Casualty and West American Insurance Company** 888-701-8727  
**Old Dominion Insurance Company** 877-425-2467 or 800-606-7992  
**Omaha Property & Casualty** 800-638-2592 (Rood only)  
**Omega Insurance Company** 800 216-3 711  
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**Republic Fire & Casualty (Homeowners, Dwelling Fire, Auto & Commercial)** 800-451-0286  
**Republic Group (Republic Fire & Casualty, Republic Underwriters Southern Ins Co. Southern Underwriters Ins)** 800-451-0286  
**Republic Underwriters (Commercial)** 800-451-0286  
**RLI Insurance Company** 800-444-0406  
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**SAFECO** 800-332-3226

**Scottsdale Insurance Company** 800-423-7675  
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**Selective** 866-453-9969  
**Service Insurance Company** 800-780-8423  
**Shelter Insurance Group** 800-SHELTER (800-743-5837)  
**Sompo Japan** 800-444-6870  
**Southern Family Insurance Company** 800-673-4952  
**Southern Farm Bureau** 1-866-271-7322  
**Southern Fidelity** 866-874-7342  
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**Southwest Business Corp. (Lloyd's Excess Flood)** 800-527-0066 Ex. 7389  
**St. Johns Insurance Company** 800-748-2030  
**St. Paul Insurance Companies** 800-CLAIM 33 (800-252-4633) - Auto and Home Claims; 800-STPAUL (800-787-2851) - Business Claims  
**St. Paul Travelers** 800-CLAIM33 (800-252-4633) - Auto and Home Claims; 800-787-2851 - Business Claims; 800-356-6663 - Flood Claims  
**State Farm Insurance** 800-SF-CLAIM (800-732-5246)  
**Sunshine State Insurance Company** 877-

**329-8795**  
**TAPCO** 888-437-0373  
**Texas Farm Bureau** 800-772-6535  
**Tower Hill Insurance Companies** 800-216-3711 or 800-509-1592  
**Travelers** 800-252-4633 (800-CLAIM 33) - Personal Claims; 800-238-6225 - Business Claims; 800-356-6663 (Flood claims)  
**Travelers Boat & Yacht** 800-772-4482  
**Travelers WC (first report of injury)** 800-238-6225  
**United Fire Insurance Company** 800-343-9131  
**United Property and Casualty Company** 800-861-4370  
**Universal Insurance Company** 888-846-7647  
**USAA** 800-531-8222  
**USF&G** 800-787-2851; 800-631-6478 (homeowners claim); 407-660-9000 (customer service)  
**USLI** 800-523-5545  
**Vanguard Fire & Casualty Company** 888-343-5585  
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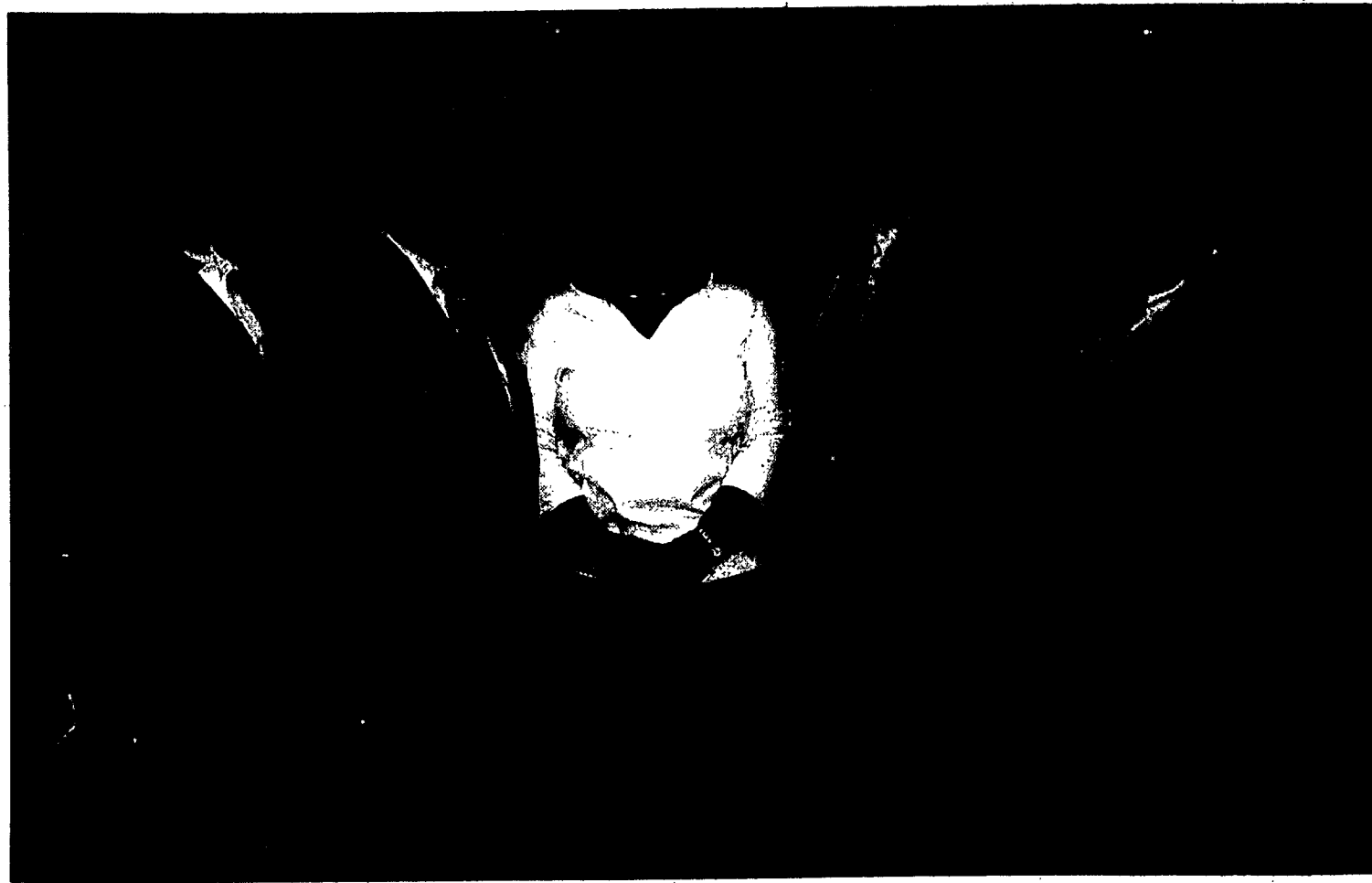
HANCOCK COUNTY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH FEMA AND THE U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS, IS ACCEPTING REQUESTS TO REMOVE DEBRIS FROM PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGED BY HURRICANE KATRINA. THE MISSION INCLUDES DEBRIS REMOVAL AND STRUCTURAL DEMOLITION.

PROPERTY OWNERS WHO WANT DEBRIS REMOVED FROM THEIR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MAY SIGN RIGHT OF ENTRY FORMS AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REGISTRATION CENTERS BEING OPENED AT 8:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 17, 2005:

**Lakeshore** - Davis Family Grocery, 6167 West Desoto  
**Pearlington** - Pearlington Fire Station, 16006 Washington St.  
**Diamondhead** - Diamondhead Community Center, 5300 Diamondhead Circle  
**Kiln** - Kiln Public Library, Highway 603  
**Bay St. Louis** - The Train Depot, 1928 Depo Way  
**Waveland** - The Mayor's Office, Waveland City Office, Coleman Avenue

ONCE A PROPERTY COMPLETES THE RIGHT OF ENTRY FORM, THE COUNTY OR CITY WILL INSPECT THE SITE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS. FOLLOWING THAT ASSESSMENT, CONTRACTORS WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS WILL PERFORM THE ACTUAL DEBRIS REMOVAL.

# Exchange Club



The Hancock County Exchange Club recently hosted the national Exchange Club leaders so they could view the area and brainstorm ideas with local members to help the Center for Prevention of Child Abuse and other worthy causes recover after Hurricane Katrina. Pictured are: Ken Sullivan, Region 6 vice-president of the National Exchange Club, left; Charles F. Braddock, president of National Exchange Club Foundation; Cecelia Howe, president of the Hancock County Exchange Club; Steven Douglas, president of the National Exchange Club; and John Miller, MS District president of the National Exchange Club.

## Don't wait for insurance settlement to apply for SBA

### SEA COAST ECHO

If you are waiting to settle with your insurance company before you apply for disaster loan assistance, you could be delaying your recovery efforts, according to Frank Skaggs, Director of SBA Field Operations Center - East. "Do not wait to settle your insurance claim before turning in your completed SBA disaster loan application," Skaggs said today. SBA Disaster Loan Representatives are still available at several local offices to answer any questions you might have, help you complete your application and accept your completed application.

According to Skaggs, most homeowners, renters, and business owners will find they are not fully covered for their damages and will need additional funds to complete repairs. "But we can not help if you do not complete and return your SBA Disaster Loan Application," added Skaggs.

For an individual with personal property and/or home losses, a completed application will also keep the door open to other types of assistance. Those who do not return a completed SBA application may be disqualifying themselves from other types of assistance, including possible grant assistance. SBA is the primary source of long-term recovery assistance for homeowners, renters, non-farm businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations that

received damage during the disaster.

SBA offers loans up to \$200,000 to repair disaster damaged primary residences. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to replace personal property such as furniture and clothing. Loans to businesses of all sizes and non-profit organizations are available up to \$1.5 million to repair damage to real estate, machinery, equipment, and inventory. Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) are also available to small businesses unable to pay bills or meet operating expenses because of the disaster.

Interest rates can be as low as 2.687 percent for homeowners and renters and 4.000 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based upon each applicant's financial condition.

Information on SBA loan applications is also available by calling the SBA Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (for the hearing-impaired 1-800-877-8339) or visiting the SBA Website at [www.SBA.gov/disaster](http://www.SBA.gov/disaster). Completed applications can be taken to any of the local offices or can be mailed to: Disaster Assistance Loan Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76155.

The deadline to return applications for physical damage is October 28, 2005; the deadline to return economic injury

applications is May 29, 2006.

## Don't file duplicate disaster assistance applications

### THE ECHO

If you have applied once for FEMA disaster assistance, please do not apply a second time. It could delay processing of your application and receipt of your assistance.

Nick Russo, FEMA's federal coordinating officer, says residents who were affected by Hurricane Katrina should not register more than once for federal disaster assistance. "It can slow down, even stop, the processing of their applications," he stated.

Here is how Mississippi hurricane victims can avoid duplicate registrations:

- If you have applied online, do not duplicate your application with a phone call.
- If you have applied by phone, do not file again online.
- Have your registration number with you as

a reference when you call the FEMA Helpline or visit a Disaster Recovery Center.

• Make sure only one person in your household applies for assistance.

• Make sure that another family member or friend does not file a second application for your damaged address.

"We cannot stress it enough—do not register twice," emphasized Robert Latham, director of Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. "Applicants can access FEMA's toll-free line at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visit the Web site at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), to learn the status of their applications. At times, it is difficult to get through to the 800 number. It is best to call between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. The lines are not as busy after midnight.

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## Disaster relief available at Lakeshore Baptist Church

Lakeshore Baptist Church on Lakeshore Rd. has free groceries, clothes, shoes, baby goods, etc., for those in need. Just come by any time and get what you want. The church is hosting Sunday services at 11 a.m.